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Monday last, 31st July, marked another landmark in radio history, with the switching on for the first time of the Atlantic 252 transmitter in Ireland, the first new English speaking long wave station in years. Initially on 254kHz.(until January 1990), the station looks like taking radio 'by the scruff of the neck' and showing it the way forward. However, it is early days yet, but even so, with only a mere 50 KW being pumped out and a 600 Hz. tone being aired, the signal could be heard clearly as far away as Gravesend in Kent and in East Anglia. With 600 KW promised, a splendid selection of presenters, a red hot music format and an on-air date set for early September, we certainly appear to have plenty to look forward to.

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NEW ARRIVALS. Just one from last Saturday, **Now Radio**, issue 119, with 20 x A5 pages covering radio generally and including, apart from the news, job vacancies in the trade and many useful to know addresses. Further details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW..... **Medium Wave News** proudly presents a brand new publication that no DX-er should be without...**Eleven Years of Trans-Atlantic Medium Wave DX**, a 20 x A5 page booklet listing every station from the Americas and Caribbean heard in the U.K. and Ireland since 1978. Around 750 different stations are itemised with full details of when they were last heard and by whom. Full details of call-sign and frequency changes are also noted. The price for members is £1.50, for non-members, £1.75 and for overseas buyers £2, or 7 x IRC's, from Medium Wave News Re-prints, 43 Atwood Drive, Lawrence Weston, Bristol BS11 0SR..... **Marine Broadcasting News**, issue 16, now in A5 format, has 32 pages of news, offshore logs and plenty of nostalgia. The price is £1.30 (£1.70 abroad) from P.O. Box 963, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 6ED..... **Now Radio**, issue 120 arrived a little earlier this week and this one has 24 x A5 pages as detailed above..... **Activity Magazine**, issue 16, from 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH, costs 75p (taped to a card) and contains 16 x A5 pages of pirate short wave news, logs and features.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

It is with much regret that we learn of the death of John 'The Man' Frawley from Limerick, who passed away recently (as seen in the July 28th issue of Phoenix). John was the voice of Radio Luimni for many years and built up an affection and respect amongst the older people of that city with his unique style of radio presenting, a style that will never be repeated or heard again unfortunately. John was responsible for rather an emotional close-down of the said station last December. We are very fortunate to be able to have some memories of him, thanks to a Tape Offer from 1987 (No. 105), which featured John on one of his lunch-time shows. We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Atlantic 252: This is where the action is this week, with test tones being heard from Monday last (31st July), but first of all the latest news sent from our on the spot reporter, David from Dublin tells us that preparations for the commencement of one of the biggest stations in Europe for years, are on target. The last link in the transmission chain, the completion of the aerial tuning unit, is almost complete and only a few final adjustments and measurements now need to be done. It seems that 'on or around Tuesday 8th August' is the date set for 'official' tests, when 300 KW will be put out, via just one of the two transmitters. It appears that initially, only half power will be used, as according to one engineer, 'there's no point in tying both our hands behind our backs, as we can do small bits and pieces to either transmitter, for example, cabling'. Half power means that field strength can still be assessed satisfactorily and so a clear picture of eventual full power coverage will be seen. The full 600 KW, introduced later

in the test period, will determine the marginal reception areas.

The tests will generally last for 8 hours per day, from around the 8th, but brief tests before this, using just 10 KW are expected in order to facilitate initial measurements and adjustments to be made. Readers are urged to keep checking 252kHz. Obviously, at this stage, the earthing system is now in place and it seems that the week it took to lay 30 Km of copper wire was a short period, but with a tractor and mole, the job was done in no time.

Down the road, in the studios in Trim, it was learned that if the station did not officially commence on 1st September, it would be purely for promotional purposes only and for no other reason. Station manager, Travis Baxter, expects to announce the line-up in about a week or so and it is widely known that they will be a mixture of Irish, English and Americans. The main studio was expected to be completed by 31st July, with the back-up / production studio ready within the week. Asked how the old building was adapting to the changes, brought some laughter, as part of the ceiling collapsed from the vibration, only the other day.

The above piece was written of course, last week, and since then, as many of our readers will be aware, tests have commenced on 254kHz. This frequency will be used until January 1990, when the EBU says they must move to 252kHz. QSL cards will confirm 254, but the on air announcements will indicate 252, obviously.

The first tests were made with just 10 KW at about 16:00 on Monday 31st July 1989. The low power tests were only brief and not reported as being heard, at least to us. On Tuesday morning, around 10:00, a quick check on 254 produced a 600 Hz. tone, which within minutes of noting was confirmed in a telephone call from us to Ireland, as being from Atlantice 252. We spoke to several over there involved, including the transmitter engineer who told us that the power had been increased to 50 KW. We were questioned about the signal and how it compared to BBC Radio 4's on 198kHz.(it measured 4.4, with BBC 5.2, out of a maximum of 10, the distances between us and each transmitter being about the same). For just 50 KW, we thought these were excellent initial results. They went on to say that they were leaving the test tones on for a couple of days, whilst the usual RF and interference problems were sorted out, then music would be introduced. Within a couple of weeks or so, power would be increased to 600 KW. Reception reports would be requested eventually and QSL card acknowledged.

Within a short time of coming on air, we had received numerous calls confirming the reception of same, including two from Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds and one from Gravesend in Kent. On Wednesday, the test tone was noted starting later, around midday, but went on later and was still evident early evening. Thursday saw a late start again, but an early finish on this day.

In a Press Release received on Friday 4th, further appointments are announced.... Andrew Turner and Maryellen O'Brien are set on as chief news and features presenters. For Andrew, this marks the return to national radio, almost exactly five years after leaving Radio One. Maryellen comes from a background of primarily 'AOR' radio in the USA, both on east and west coast stations. These appointments are in addition to Dave Atkey (also ex Radio One) as promotions co-ordinator and Paul Kavanagh (ex Sunshine) as head of music.

Co. Dublin: First of all, congratulations and best wishes to Eamon Cooke on his marriage last week, to Jane Conlon.

In 'station news' on **Radio Dublin** last Sunday, Eamon mentioned the overworked equipment, all running 24 hours per day and said that they were having to maintain it constantly. An almost full page article on the station in the previous Friday's (28th) 'Irish Press', was brought to his attention by his local doctor. He said he liked the free publicity. However, further on in the paper, he discovered a small piece concerning the Robbie Robinson court case appeal. Apparently this appeal has now been withdrawn and the second Dublin station can now go ahead and get on air. Eamon thought it was rather foolish to pull out now as costs for himself, the Commission and Radio 2000 will have to be borne by him, plus the fact that he had quite a good case, so much so that he thought he should have won the initial case. A rumour was heard in the week previously suggesting this may happen and that Robbie Robinson would be offered a directorship on one of the new stations. He added that he had no intention of doing the same with his case which he thought may well be heard in September. He went on to say that if he was offered such a directorship, he would tell them to get lost! In the meantime, Radio Dublin soldiers on, with no electricity, no telephones and he expects this to last until at least Christmas, when the whole thing would have to be looked at closely. Funds were mentioned and more were still needed to cover the excessive costs these type of cases attract.

The Radio Dublin Marathon, to be held on Sunday 10th September, in Santry Stadium, is organised in conjunction with Poppintree Athletic Club and is over 5 miles. It is apparently the ninth and not the sixth time it has been held. Entry forms are available from most sports shops and also from the station at 58 Inchicore Road, Kilmainham.

Elsewhere in the city, **K - FM**, who disappeared a couple of weeks ago, surfaced again on Thursday 27th and programmed as previously through to, and including, Saturday, from 10:00 to 21:00 daily, on 98.50, but falling back to 98.20 later. **Premier 212** was heard on Sunday, as usual, on 103.30, but were not yet back on medium wave. A '**Radio Nova**' has been heard late at night, on 101.90, playing old compilation records. The excellent **Radio City** continues to be heard daily, usually in the evenings, playing good music on 105.4. Finally an unidentified station has been noted on 104.9 a few times of late, playing some interesting things, mainly from Veronica and RNI.

Co. Monaghan: With FM conditions less favourable than of late, it isn't as easy (or as pleasant) monitoring the FM stations, but a serious attempt was made in the week to see what '**FM 100**' was up to. Their signal, on exactly 100.00, was significantly up on previously and came through in stereo here, despite the poorer conditions, although some fades were evident, when Radio Dublin broke through. Programming was excellent and best described as bright, with many old names from before noted on air, including Graham Marks, Ollie Clarke, Noel MacStay, Paul Thomas, Gary Peach, Terri Hooley, The Gooseman, Roy McKee and John Friday, although only Ollie (11:00 till 16:00) and John (16:00 till 19:00) seem to have regular daily shows. Adverts were heard and much mention was given to the 'music radio for Ulster' campaign, although the American promos have yet to be heard. An increase in power took place on Wednesday night and additionally, Magic 103 have joined forces and are now relaying FM 100 into the Newry region on 103.25MHz. A big night out is planned for Sunday 6th, at Pips International, a nightclub in Belfast, with a campaign meeting, followed by disco into the small hours. People will be able to sign petition forms here. Car stickers are currently available but only on a limited scale. T - Shirts are expected to follow and be available to one and all.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

On Saturday 5th August it will be five years since Caroline began broadcasting on 963 and 576 simultaneously. Three days later it will be six years since the radio ship, the Ross Revenge, dropped anchor in the Kentish Knock, with the first transmissions being noted the next day, the same day the ship moved to the Knock Deep.

According to numerous reports, Finland appears to be about to increase power on 558, like they did on 963. They are to introduce a new transmitter on 558 from a site in Helsinki, but the exact output power seems not to be known at this stage. Whatever the increase, it is certain to cause interference to Caroline listening somewhere or other, and

with the long nights on the way, and still low power from the ship, things don't look too good. We just hope that the high power from the Ross Revenge, promised since the collapse of the big mast in 1987, is introduced soon and that the increase from Finland is minimal, otherwise we can envisage another Winter of misery on 558.

Last week's WR made mention of a 'Radio Earwig' being referred to on 558. Could this have reference to the DTI visit to the Ross Revenge, as reported on the CM Info-line, we wonder?

Caroline 558: This week there were further daytime close-downs for maintenance, as well as a major crew change. Starting where we left off last Thursday 27th, Max Buchanan was on the air at 21:00 with Tony Kirk programming through the night until 05:00. Friday morning, Rob Harrison hosted the last of that day's morning programmes, as the station closed again at 09:04 for aerial work. A carrier was noted at 17:55 and programming re-commenced at 18:00 with Chris Adams. Once again the station remained on air throughout the night. Rob Harrison began his Saturday morning show at 09:00 and mentioned that he wasn't quite sure how long he would be on for. It was only an hour, as at 10:00 there was an announced close-down. Nothing more was heard until a carrier appeared at 17:55 and at 18:00 Andy Parker began a four hour show. Sunday saw a full day's programming with the following line-up..... 01:00 Chris Adams, 03:00 Max Buchanan, 05:00 Chris Adams, 09:00 Neil Gates, 13:00 Max Buchanan, 17:00 Andy Parker, 21:00 Tony Kirk.

Monday 31st July saw just a three hour break between 14:00 - 17:00 and on Tuesday (1st) there was the following full line-up..... 01:00 Tony Kirk, 05:00 Rob Harrison, 09:00 Andy Parker, 13:00 Neil Gates, 17:00 Chris Adams, 21:00 Max Buchanan. There were two close-downs on Wednesday, the first occurring between 11:03 and 12:00 and the second being much longer, at 19:03. The latter lasted all night, but far from being major aerial and transmitter work, as announced, it was obvious on Thursday morning that a tender had been the reason.

558 opened at 05:00 that day with a brand new line-up. Dave Richards had returned to host the breakfast show, with Nigel Harris on the news. Nigel then went on to do his own show at 09:00, until 13:00. Neil Gates remained in his 13:00 to 17:00 slot, when we were surprised by the welcome return of Dave Asher on drive-time. The final new voice up until the time of writing was Caroline Martin, at 21:00.

Caroline 819: Across on the rock service, Neil Gates, Rob Harrison and Jos Stick have been heard hosting live shows, although Jos was not noted between Friday and Wednesday, when taped shows from Colin Ward (two in a row on Saturday morning) were played. On Saturday afternoon, 819 remained silent until 18:00 (558 returned at 17:00), as the Dutch did not take advantage of the hour before Viewpoint commenced. On Wednesday night (2nd) it appeared no one told the Viewpoint tape operator that the station was going off, as at 19:03, after only three minutes of Roy Masters, he was cut off mid - sentence. Earlier in the week, Rob Harrison had been playing extracts on Caroline 819, of an FM station he had guested on at the Glastonbury Festival.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

We are always remarking how much publicity always seems to be given to pirates who cause interference, but this week it appears to be Radio 4's Droitwich long wave transmitter which is in disgrace. Only recently, we heard announcers apologising for the fact that they would have to leave the air urgently, on 198, something we are more accustomed to hearing on Caroline, due to essential repairs being needed. A piece in the (Leicester) Evening Post reports that 'planes are being sent off course near Gloucester because of interference from the Radio Four transmitter during the Archers' and our comparing of signals on Tuesday (1st), with Atlantic 252's, made us think that Radio Four were on far from full power.

LONDON SURVEY - 17th - 23rd July 1989:

Very little action from Waterloo House, with only LONDON ARABIC RADIO (89.70) and EUROJAM (89.45 st.) suffering short breaks mid-week. Both may have been merely technical breaks as Eurojam were back with an enhanced signal now in stereo. London Arabic now have regular station identifications in English. Later on in the week, WBS (102.35) and SUPREME (90.45) both lost short amounts of time and weekenders GREEK C.R. (104.35) didn't come on until

Saturday evening. Q 102 (101.75 st.) made it back from their last bust, when they finally turned up on Saturday afternoon. Saturday rockers, Radio Free London (92.05), were missing except for a very noisy carrier, but co-slot sharers (until now), ROCK FM, turned up on time the following day. 92.60 turned out to be a very noisy area for most of the weekend, which finally turned out to be the return of S. London's SWITCH FM (92.55). Strangely, nothing was heard from the Great White Wonders at STARPOINT FM (93.25 st.) with a complete no-show for the weekend. Meanwhile up the band, there were some weird things happening to the Golden Wonders at VERONICA 102 (101.75) on Sunday when it was back to mono and back to a previous incarnation, when some tapes from the 'Oldies' Hits-FM turned up. 'New' Hits-FM, now known as CITY SIDE (98.45) came back on in the early hours of Tuesday morning and actually seem to have lasted un-interrupted throughout the week, despite coming on with a highly distorted signal. The Top 40 tape loopers seem to be concentrating on the black dance side of the charts at the moment, presumably to try to skim off some of the advertising presently directed solely at the black stations. Advertising at the moment appears to be restricted to phone services and reconditioned videos and TV's. Still missing after two weeks are Climax FM and surprisingly, Brixton's normally well organised Classic C.R. (94.30), although Classic are expected back within a few days.

Confirmation was received this week that the tests referred to in WR 272 by LWR (92.05) were not just a one-off, but were the tentative start of a revitalised and recharged organisation. They have now moved to a more advantageous site where the signal is expected to be truly London-wide. The equipment is all but installed and bench-tested complete. Live on-air tests are expected to start any day with veteran engineer (Mr Fixit) Wayne Turner likely to be the first voice heard. LWR will not be the first ones to have returned since the big switch off on last New Year's Eve. FRESH FM (98.20) claimed back their slot from Asian CR - FM in April. CITY RADIO (94.50 st.) went off and returned as London FM, but pretty soon returned to their original names. CD-93, WNK, WLIB and Time Radio are just a few of the stations who left the air in December and who are now back with new names, in some cases on the same slots that they held before. On Friday 21st July, it looked like the return of the most missed of the black stations was about to happen when a stereo reggae tape loop was heard with a good signal on 104.35. Although no identifications were heard it is now clear that JBC will be following LWR's lead in the near future. The test turned out to be a one-off and late the following day, GREEK C.R. came on in the same slot, down slightly from their normal 104.45. LWR's move will inevitably cause consternation for the current slot residents, Radio Free London and E. London's Rock FM, whose activities will now need to seek a new venue. Some unease will also be felt at GREEK C.R. (104.45) who co-existed quite amicably with JBC at one time, but Greek C.R. have developed a habit of slipping a notch or two (as happened this week) which could be uncomfortable for both organisations.

After many a long month (see WR 268) firm information has been obtained on RNI (105.6 st.). It is now known that they are primarily a SW sender on 49 metres and at least one other SW band, probably 25 metres. Details are sketchy as no precise slots were given on air. The FM slot is brought in when they feel like switching it on. This normally relays only continuous music which is used as background for the shortwave service. In addition they use a linking frequency in, or close to, one of the CB bands. They are not in London but come blasting out of N.W. Surrey to cover much of London in stereo and the world on short wave. On the morning of Monday 3rd July, things were not quite as one might have expected. They came on shortly after midnight, on FM and departed some time after 6am with a subsequently unfulfilled promise (at least for FM) to return the following night. The presenter working under the very apt 'nom-de-guerre' of 'The Mouth', became increasingly 'tired and emotional' as the night drew on. He left the mike open on the FM side, whilst he conducted QSO's on short wave, which, because of the music background, meant that only one side of the conversation could be heard as the SW output was not brought up through the main mixer. He was so overcome with emotion at one point, that he declared that life was totally fulfilled, and that being the case, he intended

to end it all and consume a bottle of pills. (On the other hand, taking due regard of his obviously highly intoxicated state, he may well have meant Pils!). Despite the fact that QSO's were evidently coming from far and wide, he was more knocked out by a contact in Isleworth (W. London), than by the fact that the SW transmitter was taking the signal of 'the sound of a young Europe' around the world. The Mouth promised to be back the same evening and to be going out on all wavebands from 10pm through to 6am the following day. In any event he was not heard on FM and a cursory run through the SW bands yielded nothing.

A total of 29 stations were heard this week, with 6 being in stereo..... CENTRE FORCE (88.30), SUNRISE (88.75), EURO-JAM (89.45 st.), LONDON ARABIC RADIO (89.70), RJR (89.95), RTR (90.25), SUPREME (90.45), CRN (90.65), LIGHTNING (90.90), ROCK FM (92.05), SWITCH (92.55), STAR (92.95), LAZER (94.05 st.), CITY (94.50 st.), REFLECTIONS (96.95), STAGE (98.00), FRESH (98.20), CITY Side (98.45), Q 102 (101.75 st.), VERONICA GOLD (101.75), WLR (101.95), MEDINA (102.25), WIBS (102.35), SLR (102.85), PEOPLES (103.65), JBC (104.35), GREEK C.R. (104.35), TROPICAL (105.20 st.) and FUTURE (105.70).

Merseyside: The usual daily operators were active again... **Toxteth Community Radio** (TCR 104.9), **Radio Atlantis** (1197) and **Kiss FM** (97.1). As usual, these were joined by **North Coast Radio** (1350) for Saturday and Sunday.

On Wednesday afternoon at 16:00, the dreaded DTI struck at Kiss FM, after lying in wait for two hours and possibly carrying out surveillance for a number of weeks. The station owner was caught red-handed just as he was introducing some new, high quality stereo equipment. About £1000 worth of gear was taken, including a twin cassette deck, video player and stereo encoder / link transmitter from the studio site and two aerials (one to transmit, one to receive the link), the transmitter, a power supply unit and radio from the transmitter site. Four plain clothes police and four DTI personnel were in attendance and they just about cleared out everything, including an Ansafone and tapes, rolls of stickers and blank video tapes. The station was back on by 07:00 Thursday morning, using stand-by equipment and old tapes. When asked why no one spotted the DTI lying in wait, the operator said they saw no one, although two Manweb vans had mysteriously been parked nearby, supposedly carrying out electricity supply repairs without actually digging up the street!

Little else to report on here, apart from the fact that **Concept Radio** (97.7) were active late on Sunday and again on Tuesday evening.

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire: All stations are reported on air as normal in West Yorkshire. **Asian Community Radio** (94.6 st.), **Eastern Community Radio** (104.5 st.), **Paradise City Radio** (104.9 st.) and **Paradise Asian Radio** (105.5 - 5pm to 11pm daily), all operated to the Bradford area. Just outside, **Power FM** were noted with a good signal on 99.4MHz. during most of Sunday afternoon and evening. Across in Leeds, **Rapid FM** (105.25) and **WYBC** (105.6) have both operated daily. WYBC have now introduced a dedication line on (0836) 621287. This came into operation on Sunday night and was noted to be extremely busy.

In south Yorkshire, **Radio Britannia** (99.2 st.) returned to the air after a week's break and programmed for the regular two hours on Tuesday night. The station had problems with an aerial short which caused power fluctuations, although the signal still got out well. **Sheffield Community Radio** (105.15) have been on the air daily (mainly in the late evening), but their power is down on previously.

Nottingham: **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1 st.) have had no problems this week and are heavily advertising their trip to Blackpool and Liverpool in ten days time.

Stoke on Trent: **Laser 98** were noted on Sunday last with a signal spanning as far as Rotherham and Liverpool on 97.85.

The Midlands area: Neal West reports big news! **PCRL** is back! They were heard on Thursday evening on 103.4, ann. full progs. from midday Friday... Also heard **Base Station FM** (Wed & Sun 106.00), **Centre Radio** (Sun 99.35), **Crucial FM** (Mon & Sun 103.5), **Freedom FM** (daily on 102.00), **Laser FM** (daily on 92.00), **Metro FM** (daily, around 105.9), **Power House Radio** (daily on 105.25), **Radio Sangam** (weekends, 89.90 st.), **Skyline** (94.20) daily but not since a raid last Monday, **'Midland or Milen'** (on 105.68), **U.K. Radio** (Sunday afternoon, on 1413), **WKS** (daily, on 102.25, but again, not since last Monday's raid, until Thursday evening) and **WR 98.00**.

AVAILABLE: Radio recordings for swaps (and some for sale)... Send 2 x IRC's for list, or state requirements. Many short wave, Irish, U.K. and U.S. tapes on offer... Write Joe Cashin, Mooncoin, via Waterford, Eire.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

The operator of Total Control Radio writes and tells us that he will be re-transmitting the first birthday programme on Saturday 12th August at 20:00 in the 48m. band, when hopefully a greater audience will be able to hear the broadcast. You can contact TCR, c/o P.O. Box 130, 92504 Rueil Malmaison, Cedex, France.

Jolly Roger Radio can now be heard on Saturday nights from 22:00 to midnight. Reports have already been received from the U.K., Ireland, West Germany and Denmark for these broadcasts. Six different QSL cards are available and definitely worth sending in a report for.

Log for Saturday 29th July 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:01gmt.
6229kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:12gmt.
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:15gmt.
6229kHz...ABC WATERFORD TAPES, at 13:27gmt(R)
6280kHz...Carrier only, all morning.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 08:14gmt.

Log for Sunday 30th July 1989:

6215.00kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 00:01gmt.
6215.00kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 04:02gmt.
6228.88kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:50gmt(M)(W)(G)(S)(R)
6228.88kHz...RADIO VANESSA, at 12:14gmt(M)(W)(R)
6228.88kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA INT., at 12:43gmt(G)
6233.20kHz...RADIO ORION, at 08:22gmt(W)(G)(S)(R)
6265.90kHz...Unidentified, at 10:35gmt(W)
6266 kHz...Unidentified, at 09:06gmt.
6266.06kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 11:21(M)(W)(G)(S)(R)
6280.45kHz...RADIO 48, at 09:08gmt(M)(W)(G)(S)(R)
6297.90kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:19gmt(M)(W)(G)(S)(R)
6297.90kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 12:47gmt(M)(R)
6307 kHz...Unidentified, at 11:20gmt.
6306.49kHz...ELECTRA INT., at 11:25gmt(W)(R)
6312 kHz...Unidentified, at 09:57gmt(M)
6313.92kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 11:18gmt(M)(W)(S)(R)
6319.38kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 06:03gmt(M)(W)(G)(S)(R)
6814.39kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 13:00gmt(M)(G)(S)(R)
6819.69kHz...OZONE RADIO INT., at 10:30gmt(M)(W)(G)(S)(R)
6875 kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:33gmt(M)
6911.61kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:15gmt(M)(W)(S)(R)
7289.40kHz...RADIO PACMAN INT., at 07:08gmt(M)(W)
7374.25kHz...Unidentified, at 06:54 & 07:31gmt(M)
7374.25kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:03gmt(R)
7440.52kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:20gmt(M)(W)(R)
7440.05kHz...RADIO VANESSA, at 08:06gmt(M)(R)
7440.05kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:46gmt(M)(G)
7490.46kHz...VOTN (with Radio Charline), at 09:15(M)(W)(G)(R)

The Conditions today were very good with no fading noted at all. The band was not noisy as it has been on occasions of late and some pleasant listening ensued. Heterodynes were noted around 6230 and 7374. The skip seemed average but despite this, a couple of Central American clandestines were noted (7380 and 6305). The latter run in parallel we understand and are known as Radio Camilo Cienfuegos, often identifying as 'La Voz del Cid, la Cuba Independentia y Democratica'.

The Logs printed in BOLD typeface are ours from two separate locations just outside Blackpool, others were kindly submitted by loggers in other areas and are accordingly marked.... Neal West in the Midlands (M), Mark Hattam in Wembley (W), Pete in Gloucester (G), Stuart in Staffordshire (S) and Ken in Rotherham (who this week supplied the decimal points-R).

The Signals were once again strong and stable in most cases. Even 6875 was strong today. The best all round were 7490, 7289, 6815, 6319, 6313, 6312, 6297 and 6280, which just goes to show how good conditions are just now. The weakest were 6306 and 6266. Pete agrees the signals were strong today, but Mark says at his QTH all signals were noticeably weaker.

The Programmes: Waves on 6228 suffered from the arrival of Orion on 6232 so close and as a result, a heterodyne whistle was noted. A more selective receiver overcame this problem, however. The usual rather good selection of rock music was heard on Orion. Waves continued all morning, until almost lunchtime and were presumably relayed by Jolly

Roger. As with the 7440 programmes, Vanessa followed.

The unidentified on 6266 announced 'This is BBC Radio London on 96.4 VHF'. Whether it was a live relay or a tape is not known, but a further check to ascertain the exact frequency found the channel empty, so 6266 may not be exact. Later (at 10:35) Mark heard pop music on 6265.9, again unidentified, so this too could have been the same. Later Freesound was heard with news, info and 'dance music'. They gave out the Salisbury address and announced Richard Grahame to follow 'at one o'clock'.

Radio 48 was very strong and we heard a programme of offshore memories amongst other things, including 'quality rock for Europe'. Listeners were asked to write in to say if they did, or did not, like rock music played on the station. The Salisbury address was given out by the on air D.J., Mark Stafford. We found this station very pleasant to listen to.

Orion seemingly shifted back to 6297 later. Apparently a strong teleprinter signal had caused problems here the previous day, as well as this day, (hence the shift to 6232?).

A selection of mysteries now... on 6306, offshore jingles and programme excerpts from the '70's. Mark tells us this was Electra, although very much weaker this week... an extremely strong, albeit brief signal, playing house music, on 6312 which cut off mid-record at 09:59.... and BRI at 11:18, on 6313.9, but when we went back to listen to them for a spell, we found 'utility noises', so whether they went off or were still operating underneath remains to be seen. They obviously made a move from 6230 because of the earlier problems though.

No RECC today, but U.K. radio was heard after lunch on 6815. They were commenting on local reports (from Wolverhampton and Shropshire) of improved reception the previous week, on 99.2 and 1413. Our local reporter tells us that they were also relayed on 99.35 (via Centre Radio), 6299 (via Orion) and also broadcasting direct on 1413kHz., presumably all in parallel.

Ozone must have been on only briefly, as one of us missed him altogether, despite regular checks up and down the band.

Falcon was strong for once and we heard rock music and the deejay asking for other stations to get in touch, to pool ideas, etc. They said they usually kept themselves to themselves though. Presumably they went off at the usual time of 08:00.

Dublin was OK, but medium wave is better now, so we tended to listen on that mode.

Pacman appeared to run three half hour segments and we heard part one underway at 07:08, part two at 08:16 and part three at 09:14. He said he was using a meagre 8 watts into an inverted 'V' aerial and had tested on Saturday with a much higher powered transmitter, but had had problems. He asked people to tape the programme and send him copies to Postbus 103, 8120 AC Olst, The Netherlands. There were breaks between each segment.

The unidentified on 7374 was obliterated by something, very strong and likely to be legal, also later, by the numbers station. Warbled music could be detected, but no announcements, however, listening was unpleasant so we re-tuned after a short while. Ken was the only one to actually hear an identification.

Waves mentioned Luce, whether or not they meant on 7374 we were not sure as we could not understand them. The German, Vanessa, followed, but Waves returned later. The two waves transmissions did not appear to be in parallel, (nor the Vanessa ones) but were possibly the same tapes(?), although one reporter noted that at 08:30, the 6MHz. transmissions were in English, whilst the 7Mhz. ones on were in French.

The Voice of the Netherlands announced 'with Radio Charline' and programmed for much of the morning, in English, reading out many listener's letters. They said Rainbow Radio Germany would be on next week at 1 o'clock CET (11:00 GMT). They gave out two address, VOTN, Postbus 669, 7900 AR Hoozevee, The Netherlands and Radio Charline, Postbus 65027, 3002 DA Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Another good morning's listening with some excellent tapes recorded for later playing.

All the usual thanks to all and sundry who have provided news and information, all essential in the compilation of this report.

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NEW ARRIVALS: Just one from last Saturday, **Radiotelex**,
issue 156 which has 8 x A5 pages of pirate SW logs, news
and this includes 3½ pages of latest station addresses
(extremely useful). Subscription details available from
RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West
Germany (enclose 1 x IRC)..... <<FRS * GOES * DX>>,
issue 85, with 20 x A5 pages of free radio information
including offshore, short wave, satellite radio and part two
of the Radio 270 story. For your copy send 60p or 2 x IRC's
to FRSH, Postbus 2727, 6049 ZG Herton, The Netherlands.(The
back page of this issue lists all back copies of FRSH still
available, from 1982 onwards, this includes several nostalgic
issues)..... **Freewave**, issue 182 has 16 x A5 pages of general
European radio news, including offshore and satellite. Totally
in the Dutch language, details are available from Hans Knot,
Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands **Medium
Wave News**, for August '89, back after its regular summer
break, has 20 x A5 pages of logs and features. To join the
circle, write Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road, Southport,
Merseyside PR8 5DY..... **Now Radio**, issue 121 has 20 x A5
pages of general radio news and useful information. Details
from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.....
Contact, the monthly publication of the World DX Club,
for August has 36 x A4 sides of logs, news and much reader
correspondence. Send for a sample copy (70p) to Arthur
Ward, 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY..... from
America, **The Pirate Pages**, issue 7, with just 2 x A5 sides
of piratical logs and news from the other side, also.....

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two programmes (postage included in price). Send 2 x IRC's
for sample copy of Pirate Pages and mini catalogue to Andrew
Yoder, 3007R 4th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, U.S.A.

WANTED: In WR 246 (dated 28th January 1989), we carried
a small piece under the heading of **Co. Cavan**, saying that
Erneside Radio had been reported heard back on the air
on 22nd January 1989. Can any Irish reader re-call receiving
this signal (on AM or FM?), or maybe has a recording of
same (or knows someone who has), then please contact AUK
at P.O. Box 539, etc.

WANTED: Recordings of Sunshine Radio (Ludlow), in
exchange for recordings of many other free radio stations...
Contact Matthew on (0384) 298660.

WANTED: Has anyone got a recording of the recent RTE
'2FM' documentary "Radio Days" by Brendan Balfe? I have
many interesting recordings in exchange. Write Joe Cashin,

Mooncoin, via Waterford, Eire.

AVAILABLE: VHS Video containing film of Radio Paradise,
Radio Delmare, Caroline, V.O.P., Mi Amigo, Veronica, Northsea
and the BBC's 'Daytime Live' documentary on Caroline. Details
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FOR SALE: 'Hurricane' by Bob Dylan, original.... £5, also

WANTED: Neil Gates on Caroline from 12:00 to 13:00 on
21st May and from 10:00 until 11:00 on 23rd July... contact
Steve Ball, 2 Badger Grove, Meir Park, Stoke on Trent,

TAPE OFFERS: Due to a rather overwhelming response
of late, plus slightly less time available on our parts, there
may have to be a couple of weeks with no tape offers. We
apologise to those awaiting tapes back and assure them that
everything is being done to speed up things at this end.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Atlantic 252: The initial low power tests over the past two
weeks have been encouraging and the possibility of the station
reaching south-east England now seems more likely than it
did originally. Reports of the signal being received from
far and wide continue to come in, the furthest south being
from the Loire Valley in France and the furthest north from
Lerwick in the Shetland Islands! Thursday saw an increase
in power and a signal here almost on a level with BBC Radio 4.
The exact power isn't known at the moment, but listeners
who tune in to 254kHz. are asked to ring (0898) 666600 and
report their findings. The station will be on air from 1st
September, every day, between 6 am and 7 pm, playing
fast-paced, modern day music, with the minimum of talk
or other interruptions.

Co. Dublin: We listened to Radio Dublin 'station news' last
Sunday, on 1188. The short wave signal was plagued by a
severe hum, on this occasion. Eamon mentioned a piece
in Hot Press which we hope to get a copy of (we received
the one from the Irish Press with thanks), but had little other
news to tell us. He made mention of the Radio Dublin
Marathon, which he said was the tenth year it had been held.

We have little else to report in Ireland this week and with
FM conditions slightly down, are unable to really monitor
much, apart from **Star Country** (981) from Monaghan Town
and **Northside Radio** (846) from Co. Donegal. We understand
the 'music radio for Ulster campaign' continues, spearheaded
by 'the station with no name' (according to one short wave
station last Sunday!) 'FM 100'. Others relaying the output
of this high power 'border blaster', include the ex Magic 103
and now the former Boyneside 101, and possibly others(?).

Reading a piece in this week's Medium Wave News magazine,
it says that **WABC** (101.7) from Co. Donegal have been received
on medium wave, on 1107kHz. No date was noticed, but
we are unable to monitor this one, due to a local Radio One
outlet on that channel around here. Anyone else heard it?
Also, another magazine mentions Northside being heard on
6280kHz. SW, recently, possibly relayed by WABC(?). Again,
any comments from our readers?

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

The big anniversary this week, of course, is on 14th August,
when it will be 22 years since the British Government
implemented the Marine (etc.) Broadcasting Offences Act
of 1967, more or less outlawing the pirate ships and forcing
all but one to close-down.

Caroline 558: There has been little activity maintenance-wise
this week, with only the regular close-down on Monday night.
Friday night / Saturday morning saw a brief appearance of
Dave Fisher at midnight, but by 00:10 Saturday, Dave Richards
had taken over saying that Dave Fisher was not feeling too
well. Andy Bradgate returned to the line-up at the weekend
and hosted shows at 17:00 to 21:00 on both days. Monday
saw another crew change, with the return of Chris Kennedy

at 19:00, plus a new name (although not new to the station), Bruce Munro, at 21:00. During this and the following evening, there were two new public service promotions, for Aids and condoms, but these have not been heard since. The station closed at midnight that night, returning with Dave Richards on breakfast. At 21:00, Bruce said he would be on until 01:00, but at 00:55, Caroline Martin was heard saying her goodbyes until tomorrow. Wednesday saw signs of unrest, possibly due to a shortage of fresh water. A water board public service announcement was aired on the hour and programmes were mainly of continuous music throughout the day, between 11:00 and 15:00. There were no news headlines during drive-time and the traffic info was cut short. Melanie McArthur did read the Caroline Festival Leisure Guide at 18:38 however. Chris Kennedy said later that normal programmes would resume tomorrow on 'happy radio'. Tony Kirk then did a normal programme at 21:00.

Thursday's line-up read.... 03:00 Bruce Munro, 05:00 Dave Richards, 09:00 Nigel Harris, 11:00 Neil Gates, 14:00 Caroline Martin, 16:00 Dave Asher, 19:00 Chris Kennedy, 21:00 Tony Kirk.

Caroline 819: On the rock service, Colin Mueslibar has now returned and hosts shows every evening. Dave Asher made a one-off appearance at 22:00 on Friday (4th), as did Dave Fisher at 02:00 on Saturday (5th). Caroline Martin appeared for the first time at 22.30 on Sunday (6th), but has not done a show since. Chris Kennedy and Colin Mueslibar have hosted all shows since the weekend.

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=====LAND-BASED STATIONS=====

Merseyside: The story is about the same this past week, with the three regulars once again noted at all times, with full programmes. They are... **Toxteth Community Radio** (TCR - 104.9 st.), **Radio Atlantis** (1197) and **Kiss FM** (97.1). Saturday and Sunday, of course, saw the addition of **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. The latter was reportedly heard in Derby with a fair signal. We understand that Radio Merseywaves was poised to make a come-back, but, probably wisely, delayed their return due to the uncertainty of the whereabouts of the DTI chappies who had raided Kiss the previous week. We expect them to surface this weekend, so will keep a watch out on 1242kHz.

Mike tells us that more locally he heard CD - FM on 102MHz., with a strong signal, at 22:50 on Friday last (4th) and again on Sunday (6th) in the late evening, with **Mercury FM** being noted at 15:25 and again in the evening, the same day, on 99.2.

Neil continues and says that stations active last week got into double figures, the first time for ages! Additionally, he heard **Storeton Community Radio** (1026) on Sunday and thought they may have surfaced on Saturday also. He says to watch out this weekend for them. Mercury FM was noted on Tuesday also (in addition to the above times), with **Concept** being heard on Sunday from 16:00 to 18:00 and again late on Tuesday, when they had moved up from their previous 97.7 to 98.00, in an attempt to escape the splatter of the illegal Radio City. **Victory** (104.3) were heard over the weekend, then again on Tuesday and Wednesday, on the latter day, relaying the output of Kiss FM, who mysteriously

vanished and at the time of writing (Friday morning 11th) have not been heard since. **Avalon FM** on 97.85 were another outfit active during the late weekend and finally, **Laser**, on 105.5 but only rather weakly on Tuesday afternoon.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire: West Yorkshire saw all stations operating daily as normal over the past seven days. These were **Asian Community Radio** (94.6), **Eastern Community Radio** (104.5), **Paradise City Radio** (104.9) and **Asian Paradise Radio** (105.5), who all cover the Bradford area, with **WYBC** (105.6) and **Rapid FM** (105.25) covering Leeds. Sunday afternoon also brought **Music Power FM** (99.3 st.), playing pop music to an area to the south of Bradford.

In South Yorkshire, just **Radio Britannia** (99.2 st. - Tuesday evenings) and **Sheffield Community Radio** (105.1 - daily) were noted. Radio Britannia was announcing it would be off the air for several weeks due to aerial maintenance. A letter was read out from somebody involved with a 'Radio Megabeat' from the Sheffield area, expected on the air in October.

Derbyshire's **North Midlands Radio** made it back on the air last Sunday with a good signal on 105.4MHz. Programmes lasted from 16:00 until 19:00 with Steve St. John and Richard Grahame. **Radio Zoe** (102.3) were reported active on the evening of Monday 7th August, with test transmissions in stereo.

From the Hull area, we learn that **WLNG** (104.95) made a triumphant return a few weeks ago and can be heard each Tuesday and Thursday evening. **Radio Takoradi** were reported heard on Wednesday 19th July in the afternoon, but no frequency was mentioned.

The South Coast: At long last, some action from here, and two reports at hand.... Sunday 6th August saw **E.D.R** active on 105.3MHz., EDR possibly standing for Eastbourne Dance or Downs Radio. Much house music was evident in their 19:00 to 21:00 spot and the deejay was Jeff Rogers. A telephone number was given out and they said they would be on the air next Sunday.

The Channel Islands: Really this ought to read 'France', as the transmitter is on French soil, but due to the fact that it is aimed primarily at the islands, we'll leave it like this. It's welcome back time for **Contact 94** (94.60) who returned with test transmissions on 27th July and full programmes from last Thursday 3rd August, with an astonishing line-up, including John Tyler (who does 07:00 till 13:00), Danielle Barou (13:00 to 16:00), Susan Charles (16:00 to 20:00) and Mark Matthews (20:00 to 23:00). Mike Watts is there too and he apparently features sometime in the morning with John Tyler. Also rumoured to be coming soon, Simon Barrett and possibly Steve Conway! so, how's that for a super line-up? Overnight, the station relays the satellite delivered 'Super Gold' service. Our reporter on Guernsey is Robert Stanley Clancey to whom we send our thanks.

Scotland: A mention in our short wave section a few weeks back of a logging by a Scottish listener of a Radio Gladys, has produced a little information. The station broadcasts (infrequently?) on 1247kHz., (from the Motherwell area?) and gives out an address of 26 Muirhead Drive, Mewart Hill, Motherwell, Lanarkshire ML1 5TG. **Radio Gladys** was at it again last Sunday, with transmissions on 1242kHz. until 23:00. The signal covered Glasgow rather well, we believe.

Manchester: Another area which we are tending to neglect! Colleague Neil nipped across last Sunday and heard just three stations..... **Superfresh** (98.15), **Laser** (103.5) and **Unity** (104.8 and announcing 24 hours operation at the weekends).

The Midlands: Word reached us that Sunshine Radio in Ludlow might be testing on Tuesday evening (1017). No reports came in as a result, however.

Freedom FM (102.00) was heard with daily broadcasts until last Friday (4th) when it was raided sometime during the day. It returned by Monday and was promptly raided for a second time on Tuesday last. **PCRL** (103.40) duly returned as promised last Friday and has been heard daily since. Others noted include... **Sangam** (89.90 - now daily), **WKS** (102.3 also now daily), **Metro** (now up to 105.05), **Powerhouse** (105.25 st.), **Odyssey Radio** (100.00 - weekends), **Base Station FM** (106.00 - Wednesday evening), **Centre Radio** (99.25 weekends), **Laser FM** (92.00), **Sabotage FM** (107.20 - weekends), **Radio Sapna**, or **Zapna** (106.20 - mid week) and **U.K. Radio** (1413kHz. - Sunday and relayed on FM via Centre Radio).

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LONDON SURVEY - 24th - 30th July 1989:

Surprise, surprise, no rail strike this week, so LS arrives on Wednesday (instead of Saturday or the following Monday), but whether we have room for it this week remains to be seen....

It was a week that started out with a renewed sense of purpose and adventure as two old warhorses entered the lists and prepared to do battle again, although no one was prepared for the rapid deterioration into a spate of bad taste, bad feeling and real, pure, naked aggression. As the new week begun, so a new era of realism (or some may say cynicism) came to London Privateer radio when LWR accepted that their hopes of legally acquiring a licence at this time, were virtually nil and returned to full time programming on Monday 24th July, with the ubiquitous Wayne Turner. Hard on their heels, in yet another smack in the eye for the authorities, were previous N. London DoTI Man favourites, JBC, the sleeping giant who had begun anonymous tests the week before. JBC is almost ready to launch a strong challenge to regain its former pre-eminence as the leading black community station which it relinquished when it left the air in December 1988. To this end, named tests began the same day that LWR returned to full time operation and continued all week. JBC were yet another of the failed applicants for the new 'Incremental Licences' which the IBA had put up for grabs in advance of the new Radio Authority coming into being. There will now be no more licences in London for about three years and this realisation has undoubtedly spurred them on to make their return from the N. London heights of Harlesden. Despite this area having a high concentration of black privateers and black population/audience, it was not an area designated by the IBA for a black music licence. This is unlike Brixton, which will get a station and where the black population is actually falling due to 'yuppie-fication'. Although some Privateers have attained legal status (Sina Radio, London Greek, WNK) JBC had been led to believe that if they behaved themselves and left the air, they too would get a licence. This, it turns out, was just so much pie in the sky.

The week progressed with some minor comings and goings, with otherwise little incident. On Saturday, LWR left the

air, in what was seen as a surprisingly placatory move, by the normally very up-front outfit, towards RADIO FREE LONDON (92.05) and ROCK - FM (92.00) who, under the title of 'The Rock Slot' have been occupying that slot since LWR 'closed down' in December. Everything looked normal and went smoothly as RFL had a full evening on Saturday to be followed on Sunday morning by R - FM. It was going to be a special day for R - FM as they were due to relay a show simultaneously from KICT in Colorado, which was also being relayed by WSCG in Chicago. Events in the early evening were to cast a long shadow over the whole day and stun listeners and operators alike. In a light hearted moment, Barry Morgan, the leader of the E. London Magnificent Seven, dedicated Status Quo's "Rain" to LWR. Within minutes of the end of the track, LWR carried out a powerful blocking move designed to make listening to RFM difficult, if not impossible, when they switched on their main transmitter and relayed the output from the nearby TWILIGHT RADIO (91.75) over the top of RFM. This, it is now known, had been preceded by an unprecedented display of bad tempered offensiveness, which has shocked and dismayed listeners and operators alike. A LWR heavy had phoned the RFM Dedication line and carried out a vicious verbal assault on the lass holding down the phone. People who man dedication lines get used to some of the wierdos who phone them, who are in the main, harmless, but they are not used to receiving threats of physical violence against their person. Sounding shaken, Barry came on air and quietly admonished the caller for threatening someone on the telephone who was only tenuously linked to the station. The LWR caller was un-named but may well be the same person who threatened Steve Hamley, the shy diffident publisher of TX Magazine, with a knifing, after reporting undisputed facts on his popular Radio Information Hotline some time back. This man, who has been known to display almost psychopathic reactions at times, is also believed to be part of the team who have been relieving the DTI of the trouble of going round seizing transmitters - by doing it themselves. Inevitably, these events have left the London world of Privateer radio stunned and has left a nasty taste in the mouths of all concerned. These are the tactics of the urban guerilla, not the urban music station, although incidents of extreme violence, including pitched battles have been reported here before.

Briefly, the remaining news.... Monday 24th July looked like a busy day for the Soul Destroyers as London Arabic Radio, Rock to Rock, Stage, Fresh and WLR all left the air. Later Monday, what is believed to have been WLR on test, was heard putting outba distorted stereo relay of BBC Radio 3. They were next heard on Thursday. As predicted last week. CLASSIC C.R. (94.30) returned to the air on Tuesday after a lengthy time in the wilderness due to having to set up a new studio. On Wednesday, ROCK TO ROCK (90.25) were back. CRN (90.65) went missing on Sunday, but JBC (104.25 st.) who went off Friday night, were back on the slightly lower 104.25 and were suffering interference from another station on exactly the same frequency, which may have been Obsession, who have not been heard since mid June. Programming on JBC is expected to begin when they have rounded up a full team. On the rock side, LONDON ROCK (97.80) were back after missing the previous week. Q 102 (101.70 st.) were late starters on Saturday, but made up for it by running on through Sunday, taking advantage of the Veronica Gold holidays. CITY SIDE (98.50) were operating normally until Friday, when all tapes stopped and only a dead carrier was noted for the next couple of days. On Sunday they were off. It is not known if their disappearance is anything to do with CRN also going off (they are in a nearby tower block).

Held over until next week are stories of the renegade RNI and hopefully more details on the LWR / R - FM conflagration.

A total of 35 stations of which 8 were in stereo, were heard this week.... CENTRE FORCE (88.30), SUNRISE (88.75), EURO-JAM (89.45), LONDON ARABIC RADIO (89.70), RJR (89.95), RTR (90.25), SUPREME (90.45), CRN (90.65), LIGHTNING (90.90), ROCK-FM (92.00), RADIO FREE LONDON (92.05), LWR (92.05), CRYSTAL (92.35), SWITCH (92.50/60), STAR (92.95), LAZER (94.04 st.), CLASSIC (94.30), CITY (94.50), REFLECTIONS (96.95), LONDON ROCK (97.80), FRESH (98.20), CITY SIDE (98.50), '98.6' (98.70 st.), Q 102 (101.70 st.), WLR (101.95), MEDINA (102.25), WIBS (102.40), SLR (102.85), PEOPLES (103.65), Obsession (? - 104.25), JBC (104.35/25 st.), GREEK C.R. (104.45), TROPICAL (105.25 st.), RNI 105.60 st.).

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Saturday 5th August 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 12:09gmt.
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:49gmt.
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:09gmt.
6298kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:07gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:11gmt.

Log for Sunday 6th August 1989:

6199.0kHz...RADIO ATLANTIS INT., at 09:44(L)(N)(M)(W)(R)
6200.1kHz...Unidentified (briefly), at 09:40gmt(W)
6201.1kHz...RADIO ATLANTIS, at 10:07gmt(W)(S²)(R)
6207 kHz...Unidentified, at 09:56gmt(N)(R)
6215.0kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:15gmt.
6215.0kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:15gmt.
6228.9kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:01gmt(L)(M)(W)(R)
6228.9kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:24gmt.
6232.2kHz...U.K. RADIO 212, at 09:14gmt(N)(M)(W)(R)
6250 kHz...Unidentified, at 08:03gmt(L)(N)(M)(R)
6272.5kHz...TNR - FM / N.I.S.W.R.S., at 08:56gmt(L)(M)(W)(R)
6272.5kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA INT, at 10:23gmt.
6275.3kHz...W.F.R.L., at 08:58gmt(M)(W)(S²)(R)
6279.9kHz...Unidentified, at 11:25gmt(M)(W)(R)
6289 kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 14:24gmt(N)(M)
6297.8kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:47gmt(N)(M)(W)(R)
6297.8kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 11:58gmt(L)
6306.5kHz...RADIO ELECTRA INT., at 09:41gmt(W)(R)
6317.3kHz...R - FM SHORT WAVE, at 09:53(L)(N)(M)(W)(S²)
6317.3kHz...R - FM, at 10:02gmt(W)(R)
6319.3kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 07:37(L)(N)(M)(W)(R)
6319.3kHz...STAR INTERNATIONAL, at 09:51gmt(M)
6319.3kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 13:40gmt.
6815.0kHz...R. EAST COAST C., at 10:00(L)(N)(M)(W)(S²)(R)
6820 kHz...OZONE RADIO INT., at 10:22gmt(M)(R)
6874 kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:28gmt(L)(M)
6911.5kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:18gmt(L)(N)(M)(W)(S²)(R)
7285 kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 08:14gmt(L)(N)(W)(S²)
7374.3kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:02gmt(R)
7374.3kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 07:20gmt(L)(M)(W)(S²)
7394.3kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 11:42gmt(W)
7440.4kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 06:55gmt(W)
7440.4kHz...RADIO STARLINE INT., at 07:26gmt(M)(W)(R)
7440.4kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:30(L)(N)(M)(M)(W)(R)

The Conditions today were less good than of late with some signals, normally strong, only quite weak. There was some fading, although fairly shallow, but a rather noisy band made matters even worse for us. Mark reports that conditions in the Wembley area were variable and there was an almost complete fade-out of all stations on 6 and 7MHz. at 12:10gmt., for about an hour (we were not logging at this time, so failed to notice this, but on playing back tapes later in the week, did notice some quite extensive fading at this time).

The Logs printed in BOLD typeface are ours from just one location just outside Blackpool. Others were kindly submitted from loggers elsewhere and are marked accordingly..... Gary in Leeds (L), David in Norwich (N), Neal in the midlands (M), Mark in Wembley (W), Steve in Surrey (S²) and Ken in Rotherham (R).

The Signals were fairly good, but the band was fraught with heterodyne whistles, noticeably around 6230, 6250, 6274 and 6318, caused by more than one operator in close proximity, in each case. The strongest today was 6250 without question, but 6319, 6820 and 6815 were also very good, overall. The weakest were 6206, 6307 and 6317 and we could not even hear 6201! Looking at the above log, most signals got out generally quite well and were heard over wide areas. Only station variants (relays) were missed and this possibly due to tuning elsewhere.

The Programmes: The unidentified on 6200.1 was probably Atlantis tuning up. They eventually settled and claimed 100 watts of power and gave out two addresses and a contact telephone number for about thirty minutes. The addresses were "RLI", P.O. Box 37, Ashton under Lyme, Manchester and the Wuppertal one. They asked those writing in, not to put the station name on the envelope in the case of the Manchester address.

The unidentified on 6207 played 'Black Betty' and 'Paranoid' whilst we listened, but we heard no announcements before it disappeared. David heard a German ID for for what he thought was Radio Action, but later on heard a Dutch ID for what sounded like Radio Hiros. Ken says he heard an identification at 10:03 for either Radio Highland or Ireland and copied part of an address which read P.O. Box 267....!

Jolly Roger announced themselves as 'The Rock of Europe' and ran a competition where listeners were asked to name as many Irish shortwave stations as they could, which had broadcast during 1988. Later we heard a relay of Marabu, but despite it being in English, we were unable to follow it at all.

Orion seemed to be missing today, the first time for ages, but their colleagues U.K. were active in their place. For the second week running, they slotted into the 6232 spot, but moved to 6297 later. However, others reported hearing Orion, but only for a much reduced period.

The unidentified on 6250 played old pops, but made no announcements, as far as we were aware. The transmissions seemed to be fairly brief but were unbelievably strong here. Ken thinks the audio on this one was the same as the audio on the two Atlantis signals he later heard(?).

Congratulations to TNR, as they seem to have sorted out their low modulation problems at long last. The signal was loud for the first time (it has always been clear however). Radio Southsea was relayed between 10:00 and 11:00 and Richard Grahame was noted playing 'music for romantics'.

Poor old WFRL copped out again, this time with TNR and their new found strength who swamped them altogether, here. We just heard them briefly identify.

The unidentified on 6279 was heard closing down at 11:30 and despite it being strong, it remained a mystery station.

Electra was weak but we did hear them say that next week or the week after, they would be giving out a mailing address.

R - FM was weak too, but again, we heard them give out their London mailing address. They were not in parallel with their London 92.0 outlet before 10:00, but were, after this time. Apparently, the 9:00 till 10:00 show was a special SW only programme.

Stella was alive at dawn, with Jock Wilson and Cyder, the latter being heard later. Star International were relayed mid-morning, but Jock and the Stella team returned with further programming which lasted until sign off at about 13:40gmt.

East Coast Commercial had their extensive first Sunday of the month DX programme with Norman Nelson. They announced 11515 but no one seems to have managed to receive it.

Prince Terry's 'all green' Ozone was nice and clear here and the usual good music was noted. He appeared to have a guest who spoke about the Irish stations, but this part coincided with some fading and we were not able to make much of it at all.

Falcon was active, and audible again today, from quite early. A 6am to 9am schedule was mentioned in Activity Magazine, but the station seemed to have left the air just after 08:00 on this day. Operator, Pete Moss, writing in the same magazine, said listener response of late had been terrible. This is undoubtedly due to the very early hours it operates, plus the fact that their modulation level has been low and the signal has not been getting out very well, until the past couple of weeks. A later start may well be worth trying, but Pete goes on to say that he may try starting another station.

Dublin was loud, but also accompanied by a dreadful hum, the source of which was unknown.

We missed Mirage, as they were very close to the official broadcast band. D.J. Jeff Anderson was reported on air. Mark heard them on a different channel later in the morning. Despite a Norwegian address, it is thought to be a British operation.

Luce operated until 08:00 then we noted that mysterious identifying loop tape being played over and over.

Waves was active very early and the German Starline followed them. Waves were noted later still.

Plenty of action, but with conditions slightly down, listening was not quite as enjoyable as it has been for the past few weeks.

There has been a little activity this past week, Mark in Bath tells us. He noted Weekend Music Radio on Monday, just after teatime, around 6310, calling CQ to Radio Gloria (whom he failed to hear). On Tuesday, at around 10:30 bst, he again heard WMR with an excellent signal, calling CQ to Rainbow Radio Germany. He then heard RRG, with a less strong signal, who replied, then played some music. Both signals were noted around 6312kHz.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this week's issue.

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There will be no Weekly Report next week, due to the fact that part of the A-UK team will be away in Ireland, on a mission, the results of which will be seen in our bumper double issue (No. 276 / 277) of 2nd September 1989. The sales department will remain open as normal, so no delays in the despatch of goods should occur as a result of this absence.

All hell seems to have broken loose within British radio stations, according to reports (usually headlines) in the provincial newspapers. Imminent competition ('from an outfit in Ireland') has brought forth panic protests to the British Government to have them closed down. Only in one report have we read a sensible comment.... 'we will roll up our sleeves and see them off'. Surely this is the attitude for every single one of them to take. Unfortunately, in many cases, radio is not the most important thing, it is something called money.

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NEW ARRIVALS: It's quiet in this section this week, with just three at hand.... **Play-DX, issue 558** (a notable issue, Dario!). The latest contains the usual 6 x A4 sides of long distance, HF and MF logs and international news, mostly in English. For details, write Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy, enclosing an IRC or some station stickers..... **The Caroline Movement Bulletin 37**, dated 12th August, has 20 x A5 pages of offshore news covering Caroline, the Communicator, the V.O.P. and Nannell (or is it Mi Amigo?). Plenty of pictures of the latter, courtesy of the Dobson Brothers, showing the excellent, if only short lived, mast. For more details, write John Burch, 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY..... The weekly **Now Radio, issue 122** has 20 x A5 pages of radio news, gossip and generally useful addresses etc. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

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WANTED: A circuit diagram for a 100 watt FM transmitter, please. Write with details of cost to R.M. Knight, 18 Windsor Grove, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5ET.

RADIO STATION NEWS.... EIRE:

Atlantic 252: All eyes on this one as they build up to their on air date of early September. We left them last week, testing on increased power, with limited music and test tones. We later learned that the power was increased from

50 to 100 KW on the Thursday morning. Tests over the weekend continued, unlike the previous weekend and on Monday morning new tapes were noted, along with repeated ones, featuring the voice of American, John Catlett, along with the Irish voice of Paul Kavanagh asking listeners to write in or telephone reception reports. (0898) 666600 was the number given and it was pointed out at once that the call would cost 38p per minute peak and 25p per minute off peak. The address for written reports (obviously the cheaper method) was... Atlantic 252, P.O. Box 252, London W1E 2RA, England. QSL cards were promised for all reports sent in and an excited subscriber telephoned at the weekend to say that not only had he received his QSL card already, but it was No. 1! He sent his early report to the studio site in Trim, Ireland, but all reports should now be addressed to London. The station is still only operating with one transmitter (TX 1) and is currently working to make the second compatible and ready to work alongside. Apparently, TX 2 is working, but only on a dummy load as yet. 1181 metres was announced in announcements, at one stage.

On Tuesday morning, the station switched on the transmitter at 10:04 BST, with music commencing after only a few seconds, with the voice of John Catlett once again, asking for reports and stating that the signal would cover a far greater area, being on long wave. Only a matter of seconds after he said this, the telephone rang and a subscriber in Stockholm told us that the signal was clearly audible on the west coast of Sweden (900 miles away) and had been noted the previous day, using quite a good receiver. In comparison, he told us that BBC R4 was just audible on a simple transistor set in the area, whereas A 252 needed the benefit of a better set or an aerial, at this stage. As far as Stockholm was concerned, a Finnish station on 254, plus Denmark on 245, made it nigh impossible to hear A 252, although it could be detected using a very good aerial. He added that on Wednesday, from 12:00 until 15:00, the Finnish station shuts down, and he, along with colleagues intend to tune this way. Many further calls were received and included one from West Germany, confirming satisfactory reception of same.

Prior to the transmitter switch on at 10:04, we tuned our receiver to the 'foreigner' on 252, from Algeria. As had been mentioned by others, we found their signal unusually louder than of late and wondered if they had increased their power in readiness to combat A 252 in marginal areas. We continued to listen and noted music programmes in French, playing English and American pop music, with news noted at 09:00 and 10:00 BST, again in French.

Further 'messages' were noted throughout the day, including one asking people who were listening to it on their telephones(!) to contact the station at once and they would come and rectify matters at their expense, immediately. They gave out two local numbers for this purpose... (046) 36655 and (0405) 53750. Unfortunately, this tape had to be 'withdrawn pretty fast due to people in the U.K. ringing the latter number (without any other international code numbers) and getting through to a rather irate lady in North Humberside, who shared the same code and number on this side. It was suggested that new listeners should try lifting and turning their receivers around to improve the signal (this would best apply further into the U.K. and beyond). Numerous breaks in audio were

again noted, obviously to carry out modifications and adjustments. We noted the audio quality was far brighter than of late. It had been quite flat initially.

The newspapers seemed to cotton on to the station mid week and, as they do, made sensational headlines out of the story, but more about that next time, in fact, we have so much we could fill this week's issue with just this station, much of it thanks to David in Dublin.

Co. Dublin: Poster bills being erected in the city, advertise the new national (eventually!) service from Century Communications. Two frequencies appear on the boards, 1143kHz. for the AM and 100.00MHz. for the FM, so it appears that Radio Dublin, and possibly 'FM 100' in Monaghan (both on around this latter frequency) may have to 'nudge up a bit'.

Radio Dublin appeared to go off the air on Sunday afternoon, as we awaited 'Captain's News'. This was after 15:00 and Eamon had not appeared before then, so we can only presume he did not appear. The audio on 1188 was a bit ropey, on 6911, awful, due to a terrible hum and we could not hear FM due to poor conditions, so all in all, we had a bit of a job on just monitoring them. We left the shack on Sunday afternoon and on our return Monday noted the 1188 back on, though with little better audio. We checked Thursday evening and the audio was noticeably better on 1188 and a programme hosted by Bernard Evans, called 'The World of Music', was most entertaining as he gave mention to stations, many pirate, operating abroad and played foreign music, which these stations and others were trying out on English speaking audiences.

Elsewhere it is reported that KFM on 98.0MHz. appear each Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 10:00 until 18:00, with Gerry Marsden and Dave Felton. With a power output of about 50 watts, the station seems to be located in the Prussia Street area of the city. Radio City are heard on 105.3Mhz. most evenings, playing tapes of pirates which used to operate in Dublin. Premier 212 can be heard Sunday afternoons on 104.1MHz., but still not on medium wave and that is about it, although a rumour circulating says Sunshine may be back from the Irish Sea soon! We think the chances of the latter happening are extremely remote indeed and our thoughts are confirmed by articles in the paper about Robbie Robinson, which say that if he cannot find legal radio work soon, then he will return to his wife's homeland, Holland.

Elsewhere in Ireland: Not a great deal to report here, due to poor FM conditions, just the two regular medium wave operators heard, from Monaghan Town and Co. Donegal. However, our impending mission will hopefully take us through all areas of 'radio - activity' (Louth, Monaghan, Dublin, Donegal and others) and we will report fully in our double issue on our return in two week's time. Just a couple of items at hand.... **Riverside Radio** from Co. Donegal, has been reported heard over a much wider area, including Dundalk, on 101.15. Also WABC (101.7) mysteriously went off the air on Tuesday lunchtime, although the carrier was still noted (with difficulty here!) later. Maybe problems with electricity supplies at the studio were to blame?

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

Stuart tells us that on Sunday 20th August at 12:00 it will be six years since Radio Caroline resumed official broadcasts from the m.v. Ross Revenge, with Tom Anderson.

Caroline 558: There has been no line-up change this week although there were a couple of additions to the weekend schedule. Friday night (11th) saw Dave Fisher on the air for a couple of hours, followed by the first programme at 02:00 on Saturday, of Melanie McArthur. She only programmed for one hour when Bruce Munro took over. Except for Thursday (when the station closed from 00:00 until 04:00 - ish), the line-up has been.... 01:00 Bruce Munro, 05:00 Dave Richards, 09:00 Nigel Harris, 11:00 Neil Gates, 14:00 Caroline Martin, 16:00 Dave Asher, 19:00 Chris Kennedy, 21:00 Tony Kirk. Melanie McArthur has read the festival leisure guide this past week.

Caroline 819: Chris Kennedy and Colin Mueslibar have hosted this rock service up until Tuesday (15th) when Melanie McArthur made her first appearance hosting a show between 02:00 and 04:00. She was also noted at the same time on Wednesday. Later on this day, Chris Kennedy hosted from 22:00 until midnight when there was an early closedown.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Yorkshire, Humberside, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire: The following stations have been heard daily in the Rotherham area, during the past week.... **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.15 st.), **Paradise City Radio** (104.9 st.), **Rapid FM** (105.3), **WYBC** (105.6), **Asian Paradise Radio** (105.5 st.) and **Sheffield Community Radio** (105.1). One of the Bradford Asian stations, either ACR or ECR, was raided last week. They soon returned however, but then had equipment stolen. WYBC have yet another new slogan which is broadcast in a deep voice format... "WYBC, the Duracell station - it just goes on and on and on...."! Sheffield Community- Radio are installing a new transmitter this week and will shortly be moving to 104.8MHz. **Radio Zoe** (102.15) was noted testing last Wednesday and again this week between 19:00 and midnight. Announcements were made to the effect that they would be on every week at this time. **Laser Hot Hits** (102.2) from Mansfield was noted on both Saturday and Sunday last - one jock was actually called Steve Caroline! **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) was active on 14th with an MOA special.

Birmingham and the Midlands area: Neal tells us that two persons from Freedom were fined £1500 each with £50 costs, last Tuesday. Stations noted this past week or so... **Freedom** (102.00 - 11th only), **Radio Khalsa** (105.90 - 13th), **Laser FM** (92.00 - daily), **Odyssey Radio** (100.00 - evenings), **PCRL** (103.45 - daily), **Power House Radio** (105.25 - daily), **Sabotage FM** (107.20 - 11th & 13th), **Sangam** (89.90 - weekends), **Midland or Milen** (105.68 - 7th) and **WKS** (102.25/.30 - 8,9,10th).

Foreign: Some Dutch activity noted last Saturday night (12th), just for a change, around 22:15 to 22:35..... 1611 Black Shadow, 1616 Unidentified, 1620 Radio Nova, 1620 Radio Prima, 1620 Radio Armada. The signals were very strong and the stations mostly played traditional Dutch music and each appeared to stay on air for about 10 to 15 minutes.

Merseyside: In the raid on Kiss FM last Wednesday (about which we have no news, incidentally!), we understand from a 'by-stander' that female DTI personnel were involved with their male counterparts and arrived in white Astras and purple Fiestas. There appeared to be no police presence.

The station was obviously silenced as it lost more gear and nothing more was heard until Monday last (14th) when music and Kiss jingles were noted, and have been intermittantly since, on 97.7. The currently successful **Radio Atlantis (1197)** added FM at the weekend and are now announcing 99.4 in

addition to 1197, although are actually on 99.3, in mono, with a superbly strong signal here in Blackpool, many a time without an outside aerial. It was suggested they may be relaying the FM from the AM outlet (?).

TCR (Toxteth Community Radio-104.9) continue to be heard, like Atlantis, daily with a vast variety of programmes.

The weekend saw **North Coast Radio** (1350) with two days of programmes and **Storeton Community Radio** (1026), just on the Sunday.

Additionally, reported active were.... **Mercury** (99.2 Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening), **Victory** (104.3 Friday evening and Tuesday afternoon), **Avalon** (97.85 st. the latter end of last week), **Concept** (98.00 - Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening), **Laser** (105.5-week, on Monday evening) and **Horizon/CD-FM** (102.0 - Sunday afternoon).



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Further background details emerged this week of the harassment meted out by LWR, as outraged ROCK FM supremo, Barry Morgan, spoke for the first time of the intimidatory tactics perpetrated by unknown members of the LWR outfit. LWR's record has long been marred with allegations of violence and malfeasance, all of which have been strenuously denied. But they have been known to use stolen equipment and on at least one past occasion have been caught red-handed with an identifiable transmitter which had been stolen from another station, and forced to return it. It is also belived that they have managed to disuade at least two other outfits who had intended to set up on, or close to, that highly prized 92.05 slot, with similar tactics to those being used on R-FM.

Barry revealed that LWR have attempted to muscle in and re-take by force the 92 slot from the Rock Masters for their Soul use on a number of previous occasions. At one time, LWR engineers actually managed to break into R-FM's link and put their own feed into R-FM's transmitter. The Magnificent Seven managed to defeat this by cutting out the link and resuming programming from a stand-by tape deck. He also revealed that the call on Sunday 30th July was not the first, but merely the tip of the iceberg. There had been a previous history of phone calls from various members of LWR, who had promised LWR's return. The calls had involved a mixture of threats and intimidation and promises to re-take the slot by force, if necessary. The first the public knew of the growing behind the scenes aggravation was revealed when LWR switched on their TX in an effort to jam R-FM's broadcast on Sunday 30th July, following a mild dig, by Barry, at LWR. This had been occasioned by remarks made by an LWR jock the previous day, along the lines of R-FM would be blown away by LWR's powerful signal and then tried to make out that R-FM were so unimportant that he could not remember their name and consequently affected to fumble the R-FM initials. LWR went off air shortly afterwards from what is belived to be the effects of one of the first rainfalls in three months. When Barry played Status Quo's 'Rain' and also fumbled LWR's initials it seemed to blow a quick burn fuse with someone at LWR who called the RFM contact line and threatened to do some re-arranging with an axe! The LWR transmitter came on and blotted out R-FM over much of south London, but went off after a couple of hours and nothing has been heard of them since. It is possible the rain was the cause of LWR's transmitter problems, but if the LWR sloppy engineering was the reason for letting the rain get into an inadequately sealed transmitter, then the same lack of discipline could have been responsible for switching on the transmitter whilst it was still wet and possibly frying the I.C.'s.

Meanwhile, RFL and R-FM continue to co-operate behind the scenes and many of them can be found at the regular weekly heavy rock sessions at London's Hippodrome (ex Stringfellows), where some work and others loon. Look out for personal appearances there, from RFL's lovable neanderthal, Arnold Brainbender, as well as the company of such luminaries as Monty Zero and RFL's Nigel Grant. RMI (105.6 st., or RNI - it seems to be interchangeable as the mood takes!) made another of their increasingly regular, if un-scheduled appearances, when they came on air just after 6:00 am on Sunday 30th July. Previously heard on the morning of 10th July (see WR 273), when the Mouth was drowning in Pils and the listener in his self pity, this outing on the 30th showed another side to him as he let loose a virulent stream of abuse against motor racing in general and some of the better known personalities in particular. Most of which cast strong doubts on the sexual inclination and capability of one UK racing star and the commenting style of a prominent TV commentator. All of which is totally unrepeatable for the tender eyes of WR readers to peruse and is probably grossly libellous - but enjoyable to listen to.

His voice has now descended from the whine of despair and self pity that dripped from the speakers the last time he was heard and his voice has now dropped to the almost gravelly confidential level of RFL's Arnold Brainbender. With particular (unintentional) irony, he discussed the merits of drinking to excess on a Saturday night and the delightful closet views of the pink porcelain that usually followed on a Saturday morning. Mouth opened up CB Channel 30, which he referred to as 'The Link Line', looking for contacts and inviting listeners to talk to London. Later on he opened

up on the 2 metre band, having alluded to the fact that he was keeping clear of the marine band despite people trying to contact him on this.

The following morning (Monday 31st July), it was a return to the self pity, when he gave some indication of his lifestyle and became completely overwhelmed in the self-devouring orgiastic event that followed. In his vague way, he told how he had been a prominent personality long connected to pirate radio. He intimated that he was now suffering from a terminal illness which would not leave him long on this earth and that when he was gone, RMI would finish too. At this point, he turned to CB Channel 30 and invited comments from the contacts. What happened next was totally unexpected. Contacts came in thick and fast and virtually all carried the same theme of when he's dead and gone, they were willing to take over and run the service. To give Mouth his due, he handled most of the callers with panache and never actually committed himself to anything and rapidly tried to pull back. Unfortunately for him, caller after caller returned to the same theme. However, he did sound slightly rattled and became increasingly more guarded in his comments as it became clear that so many people were willing to step into his still warm shoes without any expression of of sorrow or pity for his condition. It should be noted, however, that the Mouth is very adept at the devious way in which he manipulates information he puts out, so much of what he says may just be hyperbole. It is belived he is coming out of N.W. Surrey, but, now variously claims to be coming from 'far to the west of London', but on another occasion, from just north of Portsmouth, but is belived he is on one band or another on most nights.

Not much action from The Men Who Climb Tall Buildings and Take Away Small Metal Boxes, which is probably why the number of stations returning to the air is growing steadily and the dial is at its most crowded for a long time. Last week saw continuous, well-mixed, almost seamless music coming out of 92.35 and was initially credited to the return of Crystal Radio, but when it came alive, it turned out to be WLIB, who, after a long search, have found new studio and transmitter accomodation. STAGE RADIO (98.00) were back testing over the weekend and have evidently moved their transmitter site back north of the river, judging by the signal strength. The 98 sector has remained very busy this week, with the return of S.E. London's JOY RADIO (97.80) on Sunday 6th August and W. London weekenders, GREEN APPLE (98.35) on the previous day. FRESH FM went missing on Sunday after several days of low power and the transmitter wandering a bit. CITYSIDE (98.50) remain intermittant although a carrier wave was on, when the music wasn't. Maybe the cassette deck reversing mechanism has shut down. Even the transmitter went off, late on Thursday. '98.6' were wrongly credited last week with returning with a stereo transmitter on 97.50. This, it turned out, is newcomer FANTASY FM, who have a good signal on 7 / 24 operation. '98.6' (98.65) actually did turn up on the 6th and 7th, but were heavily masked by Fantasy. Also belived to have been on were INDEPENDENT (98.60) and amongst the returnees, were STARPOINT (93.20) who had been missing since mid July. Non-stop stereo music on Sunday 6th, on 105.35, probably heralds the return of Essex dance fanatics, STOMP FM, again not heard now since late June. On the move are OBSESSION RADIO, who last week showed up on 104.30 and were drowned out by JBC (104.35 st.).

There were a total of 41 stations, of which 8 were in stereo.... CENTRE FORCE 88.30, SUNRISE 88.75, EURO-JAM 89.45, LONDON ARABIC 89.70, RJR 89.95, ROCK TO ROCK 90.20, SUPREME 90.45, COMMUNITY RADIO NETWORK 90.65, LIGHTNING 90.90, TWILIGHT 91.80, ROCK FM 92.00, RADIO FREE LONDON 92.05, WLIB 92.35, SWITCH 92.60, STAR 92.95, STARPOINT 93.25, LAZER 94.05 st., CLASSIC C.R. 94.15, CITY RADIO 94.50 st., CLIMAX 95.35, REFLECTIONS 96.95, JOY RADIO 97.80, LONDON ROCK 97.90, STAGE 98.00, FRESH 98.20, GREEN APPLE 98.35, CITYSIDE 98.50, '98-6' 98.65, Independent(?) 98.60, FANTASY 98.70 st., Q 102 101.75 st., WEST LONDON RADIO 101.95, MEDINA 102.25, WBS 102.40, SLR 102.85, OBSESSION 103.35 st., PEOPLES 103.65, JBC 104.35, GREEK C.R. 104.45, TROPICAL 105.15, Stomp(?) 105.35 st. and RNI 105.60 st.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

With night conditions reasonable also, at present, more and more operators are 'having a go'.... In late May, Radio Confusion International broadcast a late night programme and were encouraged by the response, receiving some eight

letters from West Germany, Sweden and Finland. On Sunday night, 27th August, RCI are going to do it again, from 20:00 GMT, around 6300, with plenty of alternative music and chat, especially directed to those who wrote previously. TX power will be 15 watts and with an even higher antenna, they hope for good results, so check them out and write via 32 Victoria Rd., Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG.

FRS Holland have asked us to point out that we recently made a mistake regarding the price of their magazine. It costs £1, or 3 x IRC's, or 4 x 20pf (2 x 40pf will do) German stamps, or 4 x 75ct Dutch stamps from Postbus 2727, 6049 ZG, Herten, The Netherlands.

Log for Saturday 12th August 1989:

6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:39gmt(C)
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 22:09gmt(C)
6235kHz...RADIO MIRAGE INT., at 22:10gmt(C)
6273kHz...N.I. SW Relay Service, at 18:27gmt(R)
6317kHz...R - FM, at 14:07gmt(R)
6912kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 12:17gmt(R)

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6206.80kHz...RADIO ACTION, at 07:59(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6215.00kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 00:53gmt.
6215.00kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 08:12gmt.
6225 kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:55gmt(S²)
6225.04kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 07:25gmt(R)(M)
6225.04kHz...Unidentified, at 08:06gmt(C)(G)(W)
6229.84kHz...BRITAIN R. INT., at 09:01(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6234.46kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 00:52gmt(R)
6238.18kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:37gmt(C)(R)(G)
6238.18kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 11:40gmt(G)(W)
6238.18kHz...4IFR, at 12:13gmt.
6239.68kHz...RADIO TITANIC, at 08:28(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6272.59kHz...TNR - FM, at 07:39gmt(C)(R)(G)(M)(W)
6275.35kHz...W.F.R.L., at 08:59gmt(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6280.17kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 10:18(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6284 kHz...Unidentified, at 09:38gmt.
6297.95kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:22(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6297.95kHz...4IFR, at 12:14gmt.
6299.83kHz...Unidentified, at 10:41gmt(R)
6303.51kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:08gmt(W)
6303.51kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:34gmt(C)(R)(G)(M)
6315 kHz...Unidentified (calling CQ), at 12:50gmt.
6316.68kHz...R - FM Short Wave, at 08:37(C)(R)(G)(M)(W)(B)
6319.39kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 07:34(C)(R)(G)(M)(W)
6815.01kHz...R.E.C.C. at 10:00gmt(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(W)(B)
6819.66kHz...OZONE RADIO INT., at 10:27gmt(C)(R)(G)
6873.99kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:22gmt(C)(R)(M)(W)
6911.61kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:10gmt(C)(R)(G)(M)(S²)(B)
7285 kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 09:21gmt(C)(G)(S²)
7309.60kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 09:50gmt(W)
7361.73kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 12:37gmt(R)
7374.24kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 07:24gmt(M)
7374.24kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:11gmt(R)(G)(S²)

The Conditions today were good with fades few and far between and very shallow. The most noticeable thing was the extremely quiet band, as opposed to recent noisy bands, enabling us to concentrate on some of the weaker operators active.

The Logs in BOLD typeface are ours from two locations just outside Blackpool. Others logs were kindly submitted from other areas and are marked accordingly..... David in Cheshire (C), Ken in Rotherham (R), Pete in Gloucester (G), Neal in the midlands (M), Steve in Surrey (S²), Mark in Wembley (W) and David in Bury St. Edmunds (B).

The Signals were good too, but the main problem today seemed to be splatter from the higher powered ones. There were plenty of heterodynes due to multiple signals in some sections, the worst being around 6275kHz. The strongest today was 6273, with their new found power, but almost as good were... 6229, 6239, 6280, 6319, 6815 and 6819. The weakest was 6284.

The Programmes: Action suffered splatter from WMR for most of the morning. It was in English at one stage, German later, then Dutch when we finally checked it, playing mostly oldies. They gave out the address... Postbus 26, 7030 AA Wehl, The Netherlands.

Unusual programmes were noted on WMR at 08:56, someone had put the tapes on, in reverse!! They were later corrected though.

Another infuriating one on 6225, giving out clear identifications in French, yet we still failed to understand who it was. Again splatter caused serious problems at times.

Two loggers made it out to be Marabu, but Steve ID'ed it as Waves later.

BRI was active with its 'Solid Gold Second Sunday Broadcast'. Much music from the 60's to mid '70's was played, readers letters read out and a special MOA programme featured.

Mirage must have had a selection of crystals at hand, being heard in the early hours on 6234, then later on 7285, 7310, 6280 and finally on 7361. They gave out their Norwegian address.... P.O. Box 2278, Elverhoy, 9001 Tromso, Norway.

Titanic, 'loud and proud' mentioned 14 years on short wave (since 1975). The deejay (Emer Brown?) said that guest deejay, Dave Scott of Apollo fame would be along later, but we failed to hear him and on checking at 09:24 found the band empty. They announced the Dedemsvaart address, so delays are possible in mail getting through. Jolly Roger was heard close by, later and 4IFR followed them. They said they were being relayed by Radio Waves International.

6250 yielded 'A Whiter Shade of Pale' at 09:47, but many further checks produced Vatican Radio, so maybe it was one of their lighter moments when we heard that.

TNR / Northern Ireland Short Wave Service was blasting in here and today's programmes were live from the north coast of Ireland, according to the deejay, Andy Craig. Promotions for their relay service were extensively aired and some adverts were noted also, one being for Craig's Shoe Repairs in Coleraine! The local station, WABC, was heard being relayed, but was possibly a tape.

WFRL was able to be heard today despite TNR, but splatter to each other and heterodyne whistles made listening less pleasant than one would have cared for. Iain Johnston's 'Tender Trip' programme was noted, but not extensively listened to due to the above. David was more able to listen and reported 'a good show'. Pete reported an excellent programme following the above, all about the closure of the offshore stations in August 1967. If anyone wants a copy of this, they should send a tape and return postage to WFRL at the P.O. Box 5, etc. address.

6284 infuriated us, because it was clearly audible thanks to the quiet band, but so weak resulting in no identification. The language was English and the accent possibly south east.

We missed Orion again today, apparently they had a late start, but we heard 4IFR later stating that they were being relayed by them.

The signal on 6299 remained unidentified as it was flattened by Orion before an ID could be made.

Jolly Roger programmed normally, but the I.D.'s seemed a bit distorted at times. Richard Grahame was again heard later.

On 6315 someone was calling CQ and announcing their name as 'Radio ????? 101' or similar.

RFM was quite loud today and they announced 92 FM and 1611kHz. also. The transmitter drifted from 6317 down to 6316.6. We did not note any special SW programmes today. David in Bury St. Edmunds heard the 1611kHz. transmissions at 21:55gmt.

Just Jock and Cyder were noted via the SFRS relay, with their Radio Stella International.

East Coast Commercial had an MOA special and featured some exclusive Laser tapes, along with their American DX programme. Norman Nelson mentioned interference from Ozone, but this appears to be minimal, at least in this area.

Ozone's Prince Terry had another guest today, John Paul Jones, ex Radio Condor. He played the usual good music, of course.

Falcon's Mike Allen played rock music too, but again, they appeared to have gone off around 08:00.

Dublin was almost inaudible again, due to the terrible hum on 6911. The whole lot (MW, SW and possibly FM) disappeared mid afternoon and we left the shack shortly afterwards. On Monday morning, we noted MW back but have failed to note SW since.

Waves followed Luce again today and at 09:18, the famous mystery loop tape was played, amidst the celebrated 'numbers station'.

Quite a good day all the same, with plenty of interesting things of note, amongst all the heterodyne whistles.

Our thanks to all contributors once again. Please forward all material and logs as usual, in readiness for the compilation of our bumper double issue of 2nd September.

The WEEKLY REPORT ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

Weekly Report Extra - "Raid on the m.v. Ross Revenge"

24th August 1989

Just when we thought we could sit back and relax this week, whilst Barrie was away on his fact finding mission to Ireland, the biggest free radio story since Eurosiege, broke just after we had posted last week's report. The rest of the team decided to produce this mini-report to make more of you aware of the horrendous happenings on the North Sea on 19th August. Listening to 558kHz that Saturday lunchtime, we were sat, mouths agape, believing that what we were hearing could not be happening in a so called 'free' country, especially under a government who pride themselves on law and order. This report was even more essential, as despite the seriousness of the incident to International Maritime Law, there has been very little national media coverage. As this is being written soon after the event, not all facts have yet emerged. However, with the information currently available, we have tried to keep it as accurate as possible.

The story doesn't really start at any particular time, as the British government have been trying to silence Radio Caroline, one way or another, since she began broadcasting in 1964. Recently however, there has been an increase in monitoring activities by the DTI, which are believed to include telephone tapping, and watching of various addresses of people allegedly involved in the Radio Caroline organisation. On Thursday morning, 17th August, premises both here and in several European countries were raided, and a number of persons were either arrested or interviewed. This alone leads us to believe, that what happened on the North Sea two days later, was a joint effort by more than one country, to silence all transmissions from the Ross Revenge. At the same time this was happening on land, a small vessel had appeared near the Ross Revenge. The first sign of any problem noted over the air was on Friday morning (18th August) at approximately 10:40, when Chris Kennedy took over from Nigel Harris who disappeared early. At 10:50, three records 'Imagine', 'Lady In Red' and a Loving Awareness track were played in a row, signifying that something was wrong. Chris was only on until 11:15, when Neil Gates continued, but emphasising the station as Radio Caroline rather than Caroline 558. He then mentioned that of reception was poor on 558, tune across to 819kHz because as from mid-day both frequencies would be transmitting Radio Caroline. This did not happen at 12:00, as after the pips at mid-day, non-stop music was played until 12:22 when it cut off mid-record. At 12:32 Caroline 558 programmes were broadcast on both channels, and at 12:40 there was a Dutch announcement, followed by the Radio 819 theme tune. The reason for Nigel's quick disappearance, and the closure of Radio 819 was revealed to the listeners during the 13:00 news bulletin that day when Dave Asher read the following.... "And finally, the Radio Caroline ship Ross Revenge, anchored in the International Waters of the North Sea, was approached at 9:15am this morning by a vessel from Britain, and the crew identified themselves as officials of the Department of Trade and Industry. Also on board was a representative of the Dutch radio authorities. They stated that international action was being taken to silence the broadcasts emanating from the Ross Revenge. Permission to board the radio ship for discussions on the future of the ship and its crew, was refused by the Captain. However talks took place, and negotiations are continuing. We'll keep you informed as events occur. There's more news this afternoon at four o'clock". Further updates were carried at 16:00 and 18:00, but no further information was gained. The shortwave service on 6215kHz was still on the air at 13:15 when we checked, broadcasting gospel music, and disappeared between then and late Friday evening.

The station continued on 558kHz throughout the night, but Viewpoint began on 819kHz, at 18:30. Caroline 819 was back on later with Chris Kennedy, but this service closed at 03:00, seemingly because the staff were too exhausted to go on. At 04:00, the Dutch came back on the air as Radio 819, and both stations programmed throughout the morning. World Mission Radio on 6215kHz failed to appear, and indeed, there was no carrier in evidence either. Things appeared to be normal with the exception of a few 'meaningful' records being played late in the morning by Caroline Martin.

At approximately 12:40 Saturday dinnertime, 19th August 1989, the worst was feared following the previous day's visit by the DTI vessel. Peter Chicago butted in on Chris Kennedy's show.

Peter Chicago :But I have an idea that events will move very quickly. Anybody hearing this broadcast, perhaps could help us by telephoning the Coast Guard to register a complaint, possibly by contacting anybody in authority that you think could help us. This is the radioship Ross Revenge, broadcasting from the International Waters of the North Sea, and for the moment anyway, we'll return you to our regular programmes. Thank You.

Chris Kennedy : Broadcasting from the International Waters of the North Sea. It appears that we are now being boarded by a Dutch tug, was are being boarded by a Dutch tug. We hope to continue broadcast for as long as possible. ["Caroline" by Fortunes played]

Bruce Munroe : Representatives of the Dutch government have just boarded the Ross Revenge at the moment. One of the people that's come aboard has been violent towards our engineer. We haven't got a clue what's going on at the moment.

Chris Kennedy : All we can say is these guys are definately not here to take photographs.

Bruce Munroe : No, and er at the moment we have the DTI standing by at the rear of the ship. They are not, at this stage appearing to do anything, we're going to make enquiries whether or not they are going to allow this behaviour. As I say, there has been some violence, and it's on behaviour of theer, it's the Dutch people that have been doing it. We'll get back to you.

The messages became more urgent over the following few minutes. 'Caroline' by the Fortunes was repeatedly played, as was 'All You Need is Love' by the Beatles. As the time passed 1 o'clock it became clear that there was little time left, as the authorities approached the transmitter room. Neil Gates, Caroline Martin, Chris Kennedy, Dave Richards were in the studio, but Bruce Munroe had the final message.....

Nigel Harris : Bruce Munroe, come over here, explain things.

Bruce Munroe : Right, as it stands the gentlemen are going to remove the transmitters from the ship, and take a few other things as well. What they have just told us that we are free to go back to Holland with them, where there will be no more charges pressed. We will also be able to go back to England and there will be no charges pressed there. Alternatively we can stay on the Ross Revenge. Now would you like to say anything sir before we go off...

There was then silence on both channels. [A full transcript of the final 30 minutes is available free for those who are interested in a hard copy] Following this incident, at noon on Sunday 20th August 1989, the Radio Caroline Office issued the following statement.....

"Yesterday, a joint action was taken by Dutch and British authorities against the m.v. Ross Revenge, in the International Waters of the North Sea. The radio ship was boarded by force, by 30 armed Dutch and British Department of Trade and Industry officials. Two crew members were beaten up during the boarding, and the crew members and radio staff, including two young women disc jockeys, were manhandled and threatened. In a statement, the Canadian directors of Radio Caroline, said that they were "shocked and horrified at this act of piracy". They said that having taken urgent legal advice, they would be bringing charges of piracy, assault and criminal damage, against the authorities, and against the individuals concerned. Shortly after the news of the violence on board the Ross Revenge, the British Department of Trade and Industry issued a statement, claiming that no British officials were involved in the boarding, and that the U.K. officials were in another vessel, keeping surveillance. Journalists that went to the scene yesterday, spoke to a DTI official, who identified himself as a Mr. Jim Murphy. He identified himself whilst he was actually on board the Ross Revenge, and was interrogating the crew. Photographs were also taken, and are available. The Dutch raiders, all of whom carried firearms, entered a frenzy of destruction, smashing with sledgehammers, anything which they could not easily remove. They were also drinking heavily, and left behind a large number of bottles, which have now been removed from the ship. The Radio Caroline legal advisers are having these bottles tested for fingerprints, for use in the forthcoming legal actions to be taken against both the Dutch and British authorities, and against the individuals involved. It is expected that on Tuesday, the first notices of action will be served. Both the Dutch and British authorities have denied any use of violence, which is contradicted by a report from the doctor who was immediately sent out to tend the injured crew. Photographic and video evidence exists of the wholesale damage created during the raid, despite official Dutch and British statements to the contrary. A Radio Caroline spokesman said "It seems that this whole episode got out of control at an early stage, and the raiding parties went bezerk. We are particularly shocked at the fact that the armed officials were heavily drinking". It seems that both the British and Dutch governments are now involved in a 'deniability exercise'. A journalist managed to contact the Ross Revenge whilst the raid was going on. When he asked the Dutch official that answered the radio, about British denials of involvement, heavily reported in yesterday's news coverage, the Dutch official said.. "How can that be, they are here on the boat now". The journalist then asked to speak to one of the British crew of the radioship. The Dutch official, initially claimed no knowledge of the whereabouts of the crew, until it was pointed out that he was on board the ship, and must know. After some argument, a crew member was allowed to the radio. He confirmed that the raiders had caused extensive damage to the ship, and to the radio equipment, and had only stopped smashing the generators with sledgehammers, when they were warned that they would be endangering the lives of the crew and other mariners if the ship was left without electrical supplies. One generator was thoroughly smashed however. The crew member also confirmed that violence had been used during the boarding, and the radio link was then abruptly cut off."

Whilst there was no necessity for the authorities to go to such 'Big Boy' tactics to stop a few records being played, and they should be clearly reprimanded for this, the reasons behind the raid cannot be ignored, and must be looked into so that it cannot happen again. At this point in time it is clearly pointing towards the shortwave outlet, as one of main reasons, although we believe that the imminent arrival of two further radioships (Mi Amigo 2 and the Communicator) may well have been the deciding factor. 6215 along with 819 seemed to be mentioned a lot in the 'discussions' suggesting that if 558kHz had been on the air alone, the events of 19th August 1989 might not have happened at all.

We await further news. However, despite the ferocity of the attack on the Ross Revenge and it's staff, the ship and aerial masts (not the array) are still their, and with the dedication of the crew and supporters it surely will not be long before we hear from Radio Caroline again. So keep tuned to 558kHz. Many thanks to all who sent us cuttings this week, 'Micro News' for some of the extracts, and especially to Ian for all his help.

Finally, closing this most distressing report, we urge you to write to both your M.P. and the Dutch Embassy to voice your objections to the happenings of Saturday. A rally is to take place on Sunday outside the Dutch Embassy in London, but at time of writing we are unsure of the exact time. A tape of the closedowns of both 819 and 558 will be available from another organisation in due course, with the proceeds going to a good cause. For further details, and any suggestions you might have on organising rallies etc., please send an s.a.e. to Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JG.

In closing, we ask you to remember a few 'meaningful' words which Chris Kennedy spoke shortly before Radio Caroline left the air... "We love you too much to leave you forever".

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Chris Kennedy : Right, in the meantime let's send these people a message from us, here are the Beatles on Caroline, and 'All You Need is Love'.

Chris Kennedy : This is the radioship Ross Revenge. We appear to be in quite a dangerous predicament at the moment, Bruce.

Bruce Munroe : At the moment we have a ship alongside us. It's a Dutch vessel.

Chris Kennedy : Volence I believe.

Bruce Munroe : 'The Volence' and it's endangering everybody on board.

Dave Richards : Alright, just one more message please Chris. I've just spoken to the Dover Coastguard. For anybody listening, would they please stop now calling the coastguard.

Chris Kennedy : O.K., so once again anybody who's listening, please stop calling Dover Coastgurads. Dover Coastguards apparently now fully aware of the situation. [Beatles - All You Need Is Love]. Love is all you need. We've got Nigel Harris with us, Nigel.

Nigel Harris : Yes, we have been boarded by the Dutch authorities. we are in desperate need of help, and they are to shut the station down and take us all off. We are in International Waters. This is a breach of this vessel's right to be here, and I desperately plead for help. We need help now.

Chris Kennedy : So, please anybody who's listening, anyboy who's in authority, anybody who thinks they can do anything at all, please help us. This is Radio caroline anchored in the International Waters of the North Sea. We are currently being boarded. Well, the latest news we have onboard the Ross Revenge is apparently, whether we can believe it or not, but according to our sources, this particular vessel, this Dutch vessel, this hostile Dutch vessel, is acting on behalf of the British Government.

Neil Gates : Please call your local M.P., councillors, local radio stations and local newspapers, anybody. Please help quickly.

Chris Kennedy : Thank you Neil Gates. We've got just about, well not quite everybody in the studio at the moment, but we've got a fine crew here. What's the latest news Nigel?

Nigel Harris : The authorities on board are now making their way to the studio.

Chris Kennedy : Right this could be the end, we wish you....

Neil Gates : We'll stay as long as we can.

Chris Kennedy : We wish you a lot of love. We've been here since 1964, Easter Sunday 1964, and hopefully someday, Radio Caroline will be back. In fact, I feel sure that we will. Please keep listening. [Fortunes, "Loving Awareness is free", "Caroline 558" jingles then Fortunes again.]

Neil Gates : This is Radio Caroline, the radioship Ross Revenge anchored in the International Waters of the North Sea. This is a Panamanian vessel being boarded illegally on behalf of the Dutch and British governments. There's a Dutch tug alongside and they are already onboard the ship. They have already used violence against certain crew members here onboard the Ross Revenge. If you can help us, please call your local radio station, local media, anything. Anyone you think can help us, call, please now, before Caroline goes. [Fortunes then Beatles]

Chris Kennedy : This is Radio Caroline broadcasting from the International Waters of the North Sea, the voice of loving awareness, it's four minutes before one o'clock and this radioship is currently being boarded. In fact we have been boarded. I understand that various officials from various countries are currently crawling all over this radioship. there seems little we can do. [Beatles] A very good afternoon to you on this black day. It is Saturday 19th August 1989. The radioship Ross Revenge, home of Radio Caroline for many many years. We have been boarded by officials and indeed one might evengo so far as to say a couple of things, from a Dutch vessel which is alongside. Several members of the crew have been manhandled and it appears that their intention is to tow this radioship away. This of course is a vagrant breach of International regulations.

Nigel Harris : It's exactly six years today since our broadcasts started from this boat. This a

fine anniversary present.

Chris Kennedy : One wonders about the timing of this event.

Nigel Harris : 25 years on the air, 6 years on this boat, and they've now illegally boarded us in International Waters and have every intention of towing the vessel away.

Chris Kennedy : So, if there is anybody at all out there who can perhaps offer us some assistance, whatever that might be, please please please please try. It's coming up to one minute before one o'clock. We've had just about everybody associated with the radio station in the studio. We have Caroline Martin who's beside me, not looking too well.

Bruce Munroe : Discussions are going on now, downstairs.

Chris Kennedy : Apparently discussions are going on in the mess room. We shall keep you posted. [Fortunes] In the meantime, just to re-iterate that message. This is the radioship Ross Revenge anchored in the International Waters of the North Sea. We have been boarded by a Dutch vessel. Once again we have been boarded illegally by a Dutch vessel. [Fortunes continue, then L.A Band 'Love You to Know'] A good question. Do you know what it's like to be free. Over the years since Easter Sunday 1964 we have known what it's like to be free, and the only trouble about freedom is that it scares a lot of people, particularly the people who themselves are not free, and when they see freedom, they only thing they can think of to do is to try and stamp it out, and radio caroline refuses to be stamped out.

Nigel Harris : Caroline 558. We will be leaving the air any moment now. The boarding party are finding their way to the transmitter room and they're going to dismantle all our broadcasting gear, take the studio to pieces, dismantle the generators and then incapacitate the ship totally. They will also be taking staff with them, but I'm not too sure exactly how that one works at the moment, but they are now making their way downstairs. We will be going off the air anytime.

Chris Kennedy : Nigel, this is the saddest day of my life, and I think it's going to be a sad day for a lot of people.

Nigel Harris : I know, but we just can't fight them. There's too many of them. They have a tug the size of the Ross and it's not the end I'm sure, although it's easy to say that.

Neil Gates : The Ross revenge is not the only ship in the world, but we will be back, we can be assured of that.

Chris Kennedy : Caroline will return.

Neil Gates : The 19th of August 1989 is the day that the U.K., Great Britain became a totalitarian state.

Chris Kennedy : Radio Caroline, we love you too much to leave you forever. Please keep tuned over the weeks and months to come to our frequencies and I feel sure you'll hear something in the not too distant future. Well, we've got a further news up-date for you. Here's Dave Richards.

Dave Richards : Yes, the situation is that representatives from the Dutch government, and coastguards are onboard. Their intention is in fact to take various broadcast equipment. We're not sure whether that includes the AC generator supply, but surely that does include our shortwave frequency, the 819 frequency and vital components or the whole transmitter for the 558 frequency. Also, our studio equipment, what they intend is people no harm, the basic problem is that they basically just want this ship off the air. They're leaving the ship, and they're leaving the people onboard it.

Nigel Harris : We have the options to go ashore apparently if we want to, right, we don't anymore.

Bruce Munroe : Do you know what's happening?

Nigel Harris : Bruce Munroe, come over here, explain things.

Bruce Munroe : Right, as it stands the gentlemen are going to remove the transmitters from the ship, and take a few other things as well. What they have just told us that we are free to go back to Holland with them, where there will be no more charges pressed. We will also be able to go back to England and there will be no charges pressed there. Alternatively we can stay on the Ross Revenge. Now would you like to say anything sir before we go off... [silence apart from The Fortunes back on for a split second].

Caroline knocked off the airwaves

by Geordie Greig
Arts Correspondent

RADIO CAROLINE, the pirate pop radio station, was closed down yesterday by Dutch officials, who were accused of using excessive force.

The Ross Revenge, a 1,000-ton converted fishing trawler was boarded in international waters in the North Sea by Dutch radio investigators and police as British Department of Trade and Industry representatives looked on from another vessel.

Minutes before the radio equipment was switched off on the boat, Radio Caroline disc jockeys broadcast pleas to listeners to alert the authorities to their plight and claimed that their engineer had been beaten up and transmitting equipment ripped out.

The DTI said last night it would like to interview the British crew, but it appeared they rejected requests to accompany the officials to Rams-gate in Kent. It is an offence for any Briton to be on board a vessel which is illegally broadcasting.

The raid is just the latest attempt to force Radio Caroline off the airwaves since it was banned in 1967. In 1972 it was towed away after a row over debts. It sank in 1980 and in 1985 it survived a government blockade only to have its transmitter collapse in the great hurricane of 1987.

In recent weeks the government has been preparing a crackdown on pirate radio stations and will introduce new legislation in November.

New measures to be included in the broadcasting bill by Douglas Hurd, the home secretary, will make it an offence to supply an unlicensed station or to advertise on one. Ministers are hoping the two new offences will cut the pirates' lifeline.

Radio Caroline, which has survived precariously for 25 years, broadcasts without a licence and the DTI claims it interferes with emergency services as well as licensed radio stations in other countries.

Most European governments have outlawed unlicensed radio stations and if Ross Revenge even put into harbour for repairs it would have led to seizure.

Despite the authorities' attitude to unlawful radio stations, Caroline has earned a place in radio history as it launched the careers of Simon Dee, Kenny Everett, John Peel, Dave Lee Travis and Tony Blackburn, all key figures in the history of pop broadcasting.

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH
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Pirate radio station silenced

THE PIRATE station, Radio Caroline, moored 14 miles off Margate, Kent, went off the air yesterday after a combined operation by the British and Dutch governments.

Shortly after noon, listeners were told that government officials were preparing to board MV Ross Revenge. The station stopped broadcasting just after 1pm.

A Department of Trade and Industry spokesman said they were helping the Dutch Government investigate airwave interference caused by Radio Caroline.

Caroline is silenced in sea drama

By STEVE CHILTON
and ROSE LLOYD

RADIO Caroline was switched off the air yesterday as Dutch officials boarded the 1,000-ton Ross Revenge and seized the transmitter.

DJs sent out a desperate plea for help on the air during the swoop in international waters 14 miles off Ramsgate.

They branded Dutch officials 'thugs' in a 20-minute running commentary on the operation — jointly planned with Britain's Trade and Industry Department's radio investigations unit.

DJ Chris Kennedy said: "They are trying to shut the station down and take us off. Anybody who can do anything at all — please, please help."

A spokesman for the DTI said: 'Caroline was clearly breaking international maritime broadcasting and UK laws. If there are British nationals involved we would want to interview them.'

The Mail on Sunday, August 20, 1989

SUNDAY MIRROR, August 20, 1989

Sea raid scuppers pirate DJs

By JON CHANDLER
RADIO Caroline — which has broadcast pirate pop programmes for 25 years — was pulled off the air yesterday in a dramatic North Sea swoop.

Dutch officials invaded the station 14 miles off the British coast and seized records and equipment.

Some members of the Radio Caroline organisation in Holland are believed to have been arrested.

DJs on the ship, the Ross Revenge, played the Sixties hit Caroline as they told listeners: "We're being shut down."

Force

Former DJ Mike Williams said: "They said the station was being completely taken apart. It's piracy by the authorities."

"The ship broadcast from international waters and the Dutch have no right to force their way on board and remove equipment."

Caroline organisation members in London now fear reprisals, he said.



Ex-pirate — Lee Travis

"Everyone in the organisation in the UK has gone to ground," Caroline went on air off the coast of Britain on Easter Sunday 1964 — and helped launch the careers of Kenny Everett, Tony Blackburn, Dave Lee Travis and John Peel.

The DJs moved out of British waters in 1967 when unlicensed radio stations were banned.

The treacherous North Sea has taken its toll on the station — the ship sank in 1980 and the 1987 autumn gales demolished a 275ft aerial mast — but never kept it off air for long.

A Dutch trade department spokesman yesterday confirmed his authorities were involved in the raid.

THE PEOPLE, August 20, 1989

CAROLINE IS SCUPPERED

RADIO Caroline, Britain's first pirate pop station, was forced off the air yesterday after 25 years.

Dutch police boarded the ship, Ross Revenge, at noon, allegedly smashing transmitting gear and manhandling the Dutch skipper and British DJ Caroline Martin.

Weekly Report Extra

Raid on the m.v. Ross Revenge

24th August 1989

Pop pirate Radio Caroline silenced by Dutch raid

RADIO Caroline, the pop pirate radio station operating from the vessel Ross Revenge off the Thames Estuary was boarded by armed Dutch Officials over the weekend, and has since gone off the air.

The disc jockey, who was broadcasting at the time of the raid, said two people were injured including the skipper, who was hit across the mouth.

Before going off the air the DJ said all the radio equip-

ment was being dismantled and requested listeners to get in touch with the Coastguard.

Thames Coastguards at Walton on the Naze were inundated with calls, mostly from young people requesting the coastguards to help.

They were told there was nothing the coastguards could do as the vessel was not in distress.

The report on TV and radio, that British Coastguards were involved in the raid is untrue.

A Department of Trade

and Industry spokeswoman said, "The raid was carried out purely by Dutch officials and although we knew what was going on, our coastguards were not involved in any way."

The operation was supported by the Department, which had been trailing the Ross Revenge for several days.

It is understood the raid took place because the pirate station was causing interference to emergency channels.

A Free Radio Association official said, "This is all rubbish. The Government has been plugging this line ever since the pirate stations started operating off Walton on the Naze in the 1960's and nothing was ever proved."

Radio Caroline, founded by Irishman Ronan O'Rachilly in 1964, was first housed on the motor vessel Mi Amigo, which was blown ashore on Frinton beach during the January 1966 gales. Two years ago it was ripped from its moorings and sank on the Long Sand Head about 20 miles off the Essex coast.

Mr. Golke Dykstra, of the Radio Control Service section of the Dutch Ministry of Transport and Public Works, denied a claim that the Ross Revenge's captain and chief engineer were "severely beaten", and that transmitting equipment was smashed.

He said the boarding party comprised two Dutch marine police, six people from his office and nine crew from the ship that took them there.

There were six Britons found on board, he said.

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DJs slug it out as Dutch shut Radio Caroline

By GARY JONES and MARY COMERFORD
PIRATE pop station Radio Caroline was dramatically shut down yesterday — after a running battle aboard the studio ship between British disc-jockeys and Dutch coastguards.

Coastguards had forced their way on to the former fishing trawler Ross Revenge, moored 18 miles north-east of Ramsgate, Kent.

The four DJs fought for 45 minutes to try to stop them dismantling equipment and removing transmitters.

At one stage the DJs barricaded themselves in the studio and asked Caroline's four million listeners to bombard the British coastguard with SOS calls.

Presenters Dave Richards and Nigel Harris grappled with coastguards in a bid to save the station.

But the frequency went dead just after 1pm.

Later the British Government admitted it had played a major part.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry, said: "There was concern throughout Europe that Radio Caroline was interfering with emergency radio signals."

"The Dutch government took the lead, but we had a vessel out there as well which was watching the operation."

Last night the ship was being towed into a Dutch port.

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Caroline owners to sue over shutdown

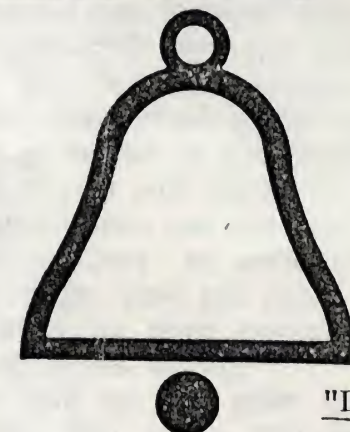
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